Vox Graculi, -e-s:

OR

Iacke Dawes

PROGNOSTICATION.

No lesse wittily, then wondrously rectified,
for the Eleuation of all Vanity, Villany, Sinne, *and* Surquedrie
sublimate, keeping quarter in the Courts, Cities, and Countries,
of all Christendome; For this yeere 1623.

Robert

Sæpe malum hoc vobis prædixit ab æthere Cornix.

Gordone

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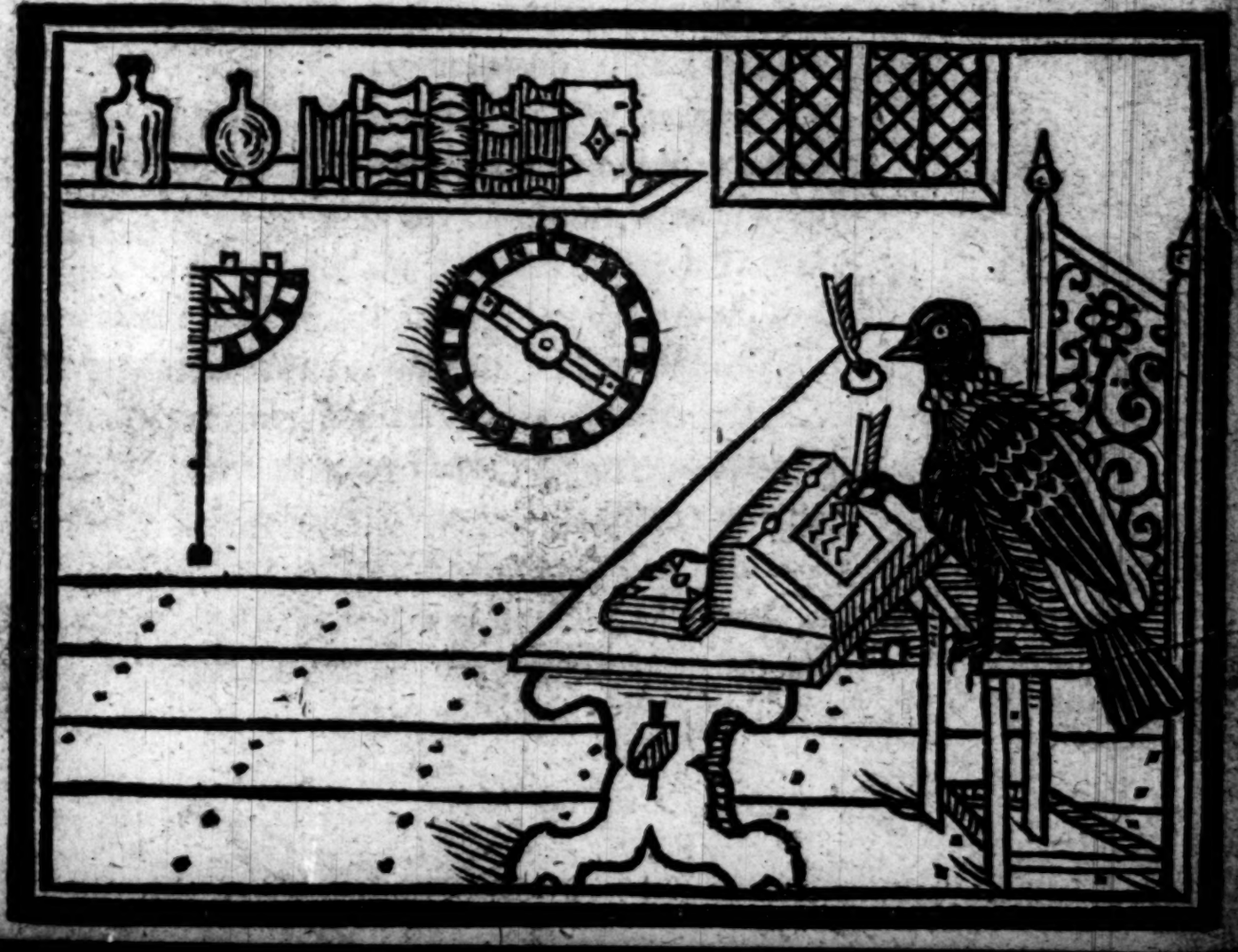

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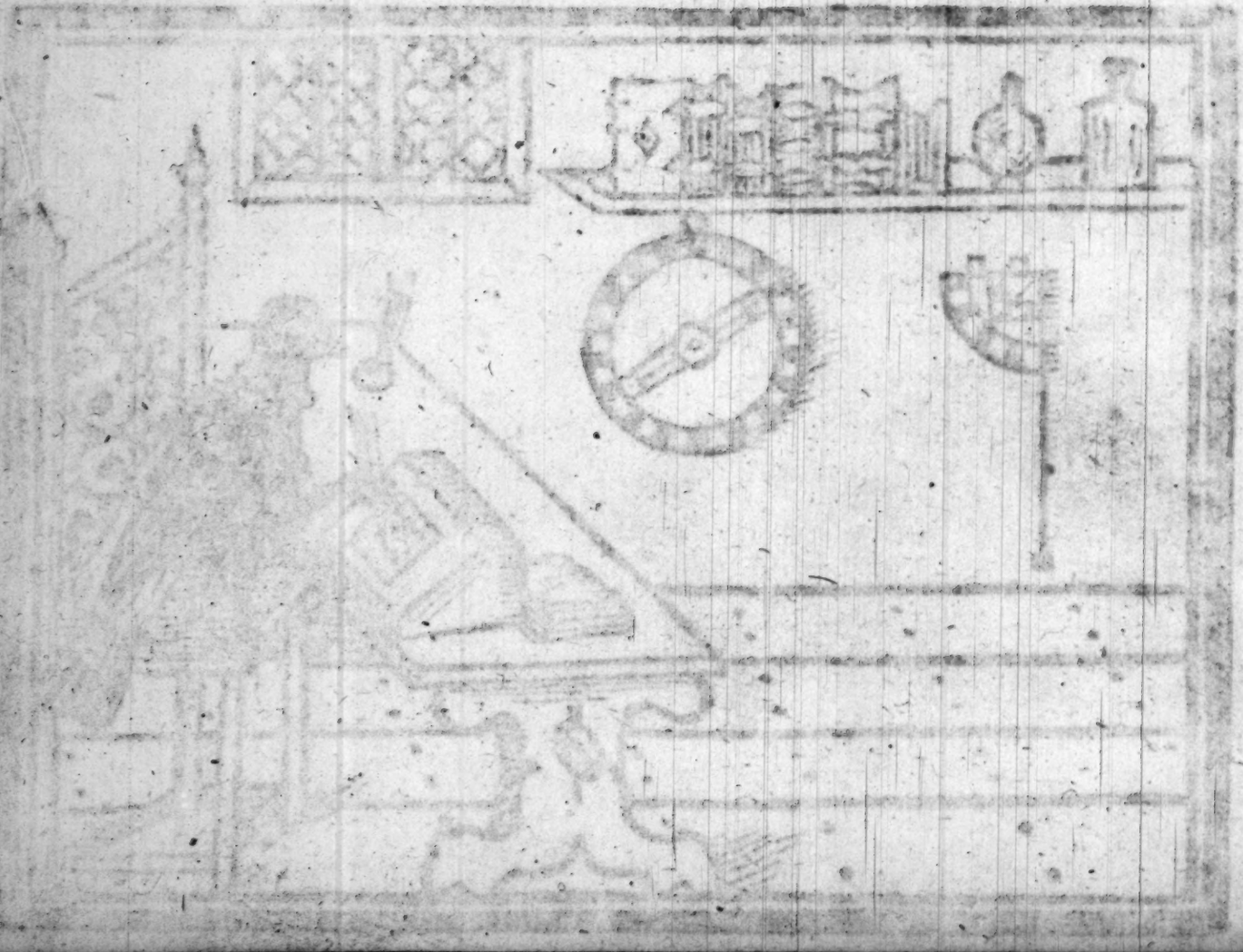

TO THE GENTLEMEN READERS, Jwiſh no worſe, then white Bootes, and wet WEATHER.

GAllants, (*and yet I hope no Gulls neither*) *As on a time I ſate muſing on the very verticke point of* Hie-gate-hil, (*with as little coyne in my Pocket, and as much cunning in my* Craneon, *as moſt of our Starre-gazers haue*) *To make experiment of my skill, if it could reach ſo high, as to take the iuſt* Altitude *of the* Blindmans Bottle-ale at Holloway, *I ſpied ſuch a cluſter of Knaues below in the valley, (like ſo many Danske Crowes ſummon'd on Douer ſands againſt a ſtorme) as that by my* Aſtrolabe *I began to collect; That this* * Yeere *would proue intemperate, by reaſon of an extreame heate in Summer; inſomuch that the ſtones in* Cheapſide *ſhall be*

* Producing more wonders then *Plato's Mirabilis Annus.*

be so hot, that diuers Steeletto-bearded Scape-thrifts *shall feare to goe from* Paules *to the* Counter *i'th Poultrie: Whereupon I betooke me to my* Ephimerides, *and erecting a figure, haue found such strange Accidents to fall out this yeere* (Mercury *being Lord and predominate in the house of* Fortune) *that many fooles shall haue full Bellies, and cramm'd Coffers; when wise men shall walke vp and downe with hungry stomackes, and emptie pookets: and that many (who haue newly buried their Sires, and leap't into their Lands, before they be come to their wits) shall this yeere drowne many an Acre of their Ancestors, in the bottome of a wine-seller; and burie their* Demesnes in the Bellies of Brothell-houses: Moreouer, if* Iupiter *were not ioyned with* Mercurie *in a more fauourable aspect, Butchers wiues should haue little or nought to doe all* Lent, *but ride out of towne with their Iourneymen, and prouide Prickes against* Easter: *Seeing therfore the wonders that are like to ensue this succeeding yeere, I haue taken vpon me (for the beneficiall content of all my Countrymen) to compile this* Prognostication, *discoursing & discouering briefly the disposition of the foure Quarters of the yeere* 1623. *the* Eccliples *both of* Sun *and* Moone, *with their dangerous and subsequent effects: by which (if* Pisces *play not the Porter) many poore men, wanting money, are like to fast on Sundayes for lacke of food; and such as haue no Shooes, to goe bare-foot; if certaine deuout Coblers proue not the more propicious: Yet* Astrologie *is not so certaine, but that it may faile: and therefore diuers Ale-stufft-beleeuing Hostesses,*

* Quæ malè parta, malè dilabuntur.

Hoſteſſes, may perhaps chalke vp more this yeere, then ſhall by their Cuſtomers be wiped out in two yeeres after; But V. P. for that: Monedula capiet muſcas, *and digeſt them as eaſily, as ſome Church-men doe two liuings, and neuer ſurfet on them neither. Now as touching my Dedication; I was at firſt halfe way ſuggeſted to haue cull'd out ſome Church-warden or other for my* Mæcenas, *who perhaps would haue bid me once a yeere to dinner, or haue fiſted me with Forty-pence out of the poore-mans Boxe: But in the very rumination on this merry-thought, ſteps in a good Starre, and plainely told me, that* Cum inſipientibus ludere, inſipidum eſt. *Therefore, with the reſt of my weather-beaten brethen, I muſt needs conclude, that* Sapiens dominabitur aſtris.

Your vnparalleld Practitioner
in Aſtrologie,

I. D.

Health to all my friendly *Acquaintance.*

ME thinkes I heare you whiſper (Sirs) that I
Preſent you with a piece of *Beggerie*,
Or conceal'd *Craving*: And that here I ſhow
More Wit than's good: what would you haue me do?
Vſe Citty-faſhion? beard you with braue ſpeaking,
And make the neateſt ſhow, at neareſt breaking?
If *Pouerty* be it, you ſo much hate;
O pardon that; for tis the * *Muſes* Fate.
'Tis better begge an almes, then fall to * ſtealing;
And worſe to be diſhoneſt, then * plaine-dealing.
The hide-bound Earth, of all reliefe me barres,
I'm faine to picke a liuing from the Starres:
And that's the mightie Motiue, which excites me
To this Attempt. *Acceptance*, full requites me
In ampleſt meaſure, and contents me beſt:
But (faith) I'm poore: You may conceiue the reſt.

* *Heu quanta Poeta patiuntur!*

* Yet *Viro eſurienti, neceſſe eſt furari*, ſaith *Suidas*.

* *Appare quod es, aut eſto quod appares.* Aug.

Of

Of the Eccliplſes that ſhall happen in the yeere 1623. to the wonderfull amazement of the beholders.

IF we may credit the authenticall Cenſures of *Albumazar* and *Ptolomey*, about the circumuolutions of celeſtiall *Bodies*, whoſe influence doth excitate and procure perpetuall Mutability in this lower Region: we ſhall finde, that the Moone this yeere ſhall be ecclipſed; which ſhall happen in one of the twelue Moneths, and in ſome one of the foure Quarters of the yeere, whoſe dozen of poynts, as they ſhall be totally darkened, ſo the effects ſhall follow moſt ſtrange and wondrous. For *Cancer* being the ſole houſe of the *Moone*, doth preſage, That this yeere, fruits ſhall be rauenouſly deuoured by Caterpillers; as Petifoggers, Brokers, and Flatterers, who feeding on the ſweate of other mens browes, ſhall greatly blemiſh the Beauty of the Spring of *Goodneſſe*, and diſparage the forward

ward growth of all wholesome & hottest hearbes, vnlesse some Northerly blast of Heauens vengeance, cleare the plants of such Catterpillers, with a sweeping plague. But *Cancer* being a liquide signe, and cheife Water-Baylife ouer *Flouds* and *Streames*, it foreshewеth, that *Fishmongers* (if they bee not narrowly lookt vnto) shall goe downe as farre as *Graueſend* in Wherries to forestall the Market, to the great preiudice of the poore, who all *Lent* long doe partly relie on the benefit of Saltfish and red Herring. Moreouer, it signifieth, that *Brewers* shall make hauocke of *Thames* water, and put more liquor then they ought amongst their Mault; to the vtter vndoing of certaine red-nos'd Ale-Knights, whose morning draughts of strong liquor, is a sufficient Baricado against cold weather; a lamentable case, if it bee not lookt into, and preuented by some speciall Supplication to the strong Coppernation, and worshipfull Company of Ale-cunners. But in this we haue great hope, that because the Effects cannot surpasse the Cause, that diuers Tapsters shall trust out more in a moment, then they can get in, in a moneth; and although they fill their Iugges with frothy emptinesse, yet for want of true dealing shall they die in the Brewers debt. Thus much for the watry Signe of *Cancer*: And because this Ecclipse is like to play vnderboard, and to be little visible in our Horizon, though it will haue great operation in it, I passe it ouer with this prouiso to all Sea-faring men, that they

they carry more ſhirts then one with them a Ship-board, leſt to their great labour they beſtow many houres in ſearching ſilke-wormes on the hatches.

Of the Eccliplſe of the Sunne.

THe Eccliplſe of the Sunne, according to * *Demogorgons* opinion, is like to produce many hote and peſtilent infirmities, eſpecially amongſt *Sumners* and *Petifoggers*, whoſe faces being combuſt with many fierie inflammations, ſhall prognoſticate the ſcarcitie (that by their deuout drinking) is like to enſue of Barly, if violent ſurfets ſweepe not away ſpeedily ſuch deuouring Maultwormes.

* A learned Author in the *Antipodes*.

There are many alſo who are like to be troubled with ſuch hote rheumes in their heads, by walking the purlewes, that their haire ſhall fall off without the helpe of a * Barber; and ſuch hote agues ſhall raigne this yeere, with ſtrange feuers and calamities, that if *Sol* were not placed in a cold Signe, Reniſh wine would mount to tenpence a Quart, before the latter end of *Auguſt*: But ſome few good and auſpicious Planets being retrograde, foretelleth, that *Lemmans* this yeere ſhall be plenty, inſomuch that many ſhall vſe them to Bed-ward, for the qualifying of their hote and inflamed ſtomackes.

* The Pockes, a ſharpe ſhauer.

By all coniecturall arguments, the influence of *Mars* this yeere ſhall be ſo violent, that here in

our Clime, great quarrels shall be stirred vp betweene man and man, especially in cases of Law: * Iustice and Gentrie shall connive with each other, and coine shall out-countenance the iustest cause.

* *Mulis se mutuò scabunt. Cic.*

The dissentious *Coridon* shall sell his Coate to striue for a straw, and Lawyers laugh such fooles out of their Liuings, as cannot keepe their seditious spirits from wronging their neighbours.

Further, there will be certaine fond Sects of Religion, who are like to pester the Commonweale; as sanctimonious selfe-Conceiters, holy * Counterfeits, whose profession and practise dwell as farre a sunder, as *Dives* did from *Lazarus*, when he cryed out for water to coole his toung; these, I say, shall bandy themselues against Ecclesiasticall Authoritie, and be ready to outstare ciuill Gouernement, were it not that *Saturne* with a frowning influence, did menace them with the strangling euill.

* White Deuils.

But whereas the *Sunne* is darkened but by digits, and that vpon the South-points, it presageth great miseries to Southerly Countries; for *there shall Friars and Monkes, so heate themselues this yeere with confessing of Harlots, that their crownes shall grow bald of their owne accord, to the vtter impouerishing of all Barbers.*

Many braue Spirits, this yeere, and men of high merit, shall be so well respected, as that for their magnanimous atchieuements, they shall be recompenced with a * *Belisarian* almes, and haue the

* *Date obolum Belisario, quem inuidia, non culpa egenum fecit.*

the eyes of their Reputation, popt out by the infectious fingers of Enuie and baſe Neglect, and ſo caſt out of fauour, as vnworthy of humane ſocietie.

Furthermore, let me not omit this remarkable Obſeruation, that this Eccliplſe affordeth vnto me: For this yeere there ſhall happen ſome ſtrange Births of children, produced in an hideous and formidable ſhape, as thus: Some children ſhall be borne, that when they come to age, ſhall not know their owne fathers: Others ſhall haue their fingers of the nature of * Lime-twigs, to get moſt part of their liuing with fiue and a reach: Some ſhall be borne with feete like Hares, who ſhall runne ſo ſwift, as that they neuer ſhall tary with any Maſter, but trudge from poſt to pillar, till they take vp Beggers-buſh for their lodging: Others ſhall haue noſes like Swine, that there ſhall not be a feaſt within a mile, but they will ſmell it out: But this is ſhroudly to be feared, that ſome women this yeere ſhall be borne with two tongues, to the terrible griefe of thoſe that ſhall marry them, thundering in their furie ſuch * rough-caſt Eloquence that * *Knaue* and *Slaue*, ſhall be but Holy-day words to their huſbands; dropping as faſt from their litigious lips, as oathes doe from the chaps of a cholericke Cooke, againſt a long Sermõ, (frying in his own greaſe) when his ioynts ſcorch, and are ouer roaſted: of which ranke or range of men I muſt confeſſe, that ſome of them are already profane

* *Polypus, quicquid tetigit, tenet. Diog.*

* *Caninam facundiam exercent.* Saluſt.

* No better hopes of a Scold.

Aqua à Pumice non poſtulanda.

enough, if they could but once leaue * swearing. And whereas this fearefull Ecclipse doth continue but an houre and an halfe, it fore signifieth, that this yeere, womens loues to their husbands shall be very short, and in some so * mutable, that it shall scarce continue from the Church doore to the wedding house: and that Hens, Capons, (Geese especially,) and Chickens, shall be banisht from poore mens houses; and be faine to flie away with spits in their bellies to fat Churles tables, whose panches iutte foorth like an Aldermans dining roome, or King *Harries* Codpiece, in the Tower, with bumbasting them with delicious Viands.

* A bad custome, hardly left.

* *Mulier Luna mutabilior.*

Many other effects are to be prognosticated in the subsequent predictions; giue me leaue in the meane season, to lay in this Caution betweene my Countrimen, and this wonderfull Ecclipse: * Let such as haue cloathes enow, keepe themselues warme, for feare of taking cold; and I would wish rich men all this Winter to sit by a good fire, and seldome to goe to bed without a Cup of Sacke, and that so thickly qualified with Sugar, as they may not grow rheumaticke. Let them take ease enough, and feed daintily, then no doubt, (consonant to the learned Iudgment of *Albumazar*) they are like to liue as long as they can, and not die one houre before their time: But in speciall, let them take this premonition along with them; That they be drunke twise aweeke, and then (vnder pretence of taking * Physicke) lie yawning

* No worse Counsell giuen, then I would be content to take my selfe. *Frustra sapit, qui sibi non sapit, Eurip.*

* Too common a shift in these times, to couer the rich mans excesse.

yawning two dayes after to euaporate the excesse of a Surfet; no matter, though the poore Caitiffe lie staruing in the streets without respect or pitie.

And thus haue I led you through the adumbrageous *Eclipse* of the *Sunne*.

A PREDICTION OF THE GENERALL DISPOSITION OF SVNDRIE CONCEITED QVALITIES, incident vnto mens minds and natures throughout the foure quarters of the yeere, 1623. by the merry Influence of the Planets, with some other tragicall Obseruations, compriſed vnder each ſeparated Reuolution.

Of Winter.

WInter, the ſworne Enemie to *Summer*, friend to none but *Colliars*, *Chandelers* and *Woodmongers*: The froſt-bitten *Churle*, that hangs his dropping noſe ſtill ouer the fire: the Dogge that bites fruits, and the waſte-good, that fels wood; the vnconſcionable binder vp of *Vintners* fagots, and the onely conſumer of burnt Sacke and Sugar. This kinſman to Death, furtherer to Sickneſſe, and brother to Old-age, ſhall not put foorth his hoarie Bald-pate in this Climate of ours, according to our vſuall computation, vpon the 12. of *December*, at the firſt entring of the *Sunne* into the firſt minute of the Signe *Capricorne*, *&c.* With much more ſuch fuſtian futilitie, then euer any reaſonable

ble man could truly vnderſtand; but take this from me, as an infallible rule, that Winter beginnes, when * *Charity* blowes her nailes, and is ready to ſterue, yet not ſo much as a drowſie Watchman will lend her a flap of his freeze Gowne to keepe her warme:

* *Charitas laudatur, & alget.*

When * Tradeſmen ſhut vp ſhops, by reaſon that their frozen-hearted Creditours exact more for dayes of truſt, then they are able to raiſe (and play the Knaues too) out of their Commodities ſo taken vp:

* Payd in their owne coine; for *Malo hercle veſtro, tam verſutè viuitis*, Plaut.

When the price of Sea-coale riſeth, and the rate of poore mens labours is pulled downe:

When euery Chimney or rather Tobacco Pipe vomits out ſmoake, but ſcarce any doore opens, to hurle out ſo much as a Marrow-bone for a Dogge to breake his faſt on:

When Beaſts die for want of fodder in the field, and mens * bellies cry out, who are ready to famiſh for lacke of food in the Citie:

* *Moleſtus interpellator venter*, Plaut.

When the firſt word that a Punke ſpeakes at her Ingles comming into her Chamber in a Morning, *I pray thee ſend for ſome Fagots*; and the cold comfort a Lawyer heates you withall, is to ſay; *What will you giue me?*

When Gluttons blow their pottage to coole them; and Prentiſes blow their nailes to heate them: And laſtly,

When the * *Thames* is couered ouer with yce, and mens hearts caked ouer, and cruſted with Cruelty; then may any man boldly ſweare it is *Winter*.

* A hard time for Watermen.

But

But let vs wade a little further into the fountaine of Infallibilitie, and then ſhall we find, that *Winter* this yeere, (being the firſt Aſtronomicall *Quarter*, according to my coniecturall Computation) whatſoeuer *Ptolomee* ſayes, beginnes ſooner with poore men, then with rich; and ſo graunted; by the malignant influence of *Saturne*, whoſe conſtellation maleuolent, portends; That ſuch as haue no money nor credit, ſhall want Coles and Wood, and be faine to beate their iawes one againſt another with cold, while your old peny-fathers ſit and toſte themſelues by the fire.

And by reaſon that this *Winter* will beginne, when *Sol* makes his entrance into the degree of *Capricorn*, that *Hyemall ſolſtitial Signe* foreſhewes, that the Bakers basket ſhall giue the wall to the Brewers barrell; and an halfepenny dry, ſhall do homage to an halfepeny wet. The weather likewiſe ſhall be ſo vnſeaſonably cold, that diuers for feare of being froſt-bit, ſhall * craftily ſit all day at Cardes and Tables, while their poore wiues and families knocke their heeles, and faſt at home for their thriftleſſe follies.

* *Aleator, quanto eſt in arte peritior, tanto eſt inequior, Syr.*

And for that I find, three of the Planets to be drencht in aquaticke Signes, as *Iupiter*, *Mars*, and *Luna*, it plainely demonſtrates; That diuers pretenders to good fellowſhip ſhall for want of ſtrong Taplaſh, goe ſober to bed againſt their wils.

That there ſhall be coagulated Froſts, ſo as vpon

on ſmall acquaintance men and women ſhall creepe to bed together, and ſome of them lie ſo long, till they be fetcht out with a Beadle, and a Baſen.

That Sea-faring men (if they be not the better prouided of skilful Pilots) ſhall either ſticke in the ſands, or ſplit their Shippes againſt the ſturdie Rockes, and ſo condemne them to the bottome; or elſe looſe their goods by Pyracie and Palliardiſe.

* *Quicquid ſolet nocere, idem ſolet docere.*

Saturne falling retrograde in *Gemini*, ſhewes, That there ſhall fall this *Winter* ſuch tenebrous fogges, and ſtifling Miſts, that many rich Chuffes ſhall looſe their purſes by the high-wayes ſide; and poore men be ſo weather-beaten by the vnconſcionable craft of * Vſureres, that they ſhall be forc't to beg their bread by the extremity of ſuch Extortion: But *Mercury* and *Venus* being congregated in *Sagittarius*, prognoſticate; That for want of faire weather, ſuch as haue but one ſhirt, ſhall goe wool-ward, till that be a waſhing; and that Watermen who want Fares, ſhall ſit and blow their fingers, or lie in Ale-houſes till they be drunke, and then for want of better employment, baſt one another with their vnmercifull Stretchers.

* *Qui infinitis aucupijs emungunt pecuniam.*

And for that *Mars*, that rugged Planet, hath no predominance in this *Brumall Reuolution*, Souldiers for the more part, though their fare bee hard, yet ſhall they lie in field beds, and not bee too much moleſted neither with more money then

ſhall be neceſſarie:

And it is greatly to be feared, that through extreame cold, diuers pooremen ſhall die not dine, at rich mens gates: Pitty ſhall be exiled; Good-workes thruſt out of dores with Iack-a-lent, and Hoſpitality whipt out of the Country as a relicke of the old Religion; and were it not that ſome moyſt ſhowers of *Mercie* ſhall mollifie the obduration of the froſt, *Charity*, ſhould for want of houſe-roome lie and freeze to death in the heart of our higheſt Cities.

Impetuous ſtormes are this yeare to bee expected, eſpecially in houſes where the wiues weare the breeches; and ſuch loud Winds, that the husbands ſhall be whurld out of dores; and withall there are like to fall huge Haileſtones, as big as ioyn'd-ſtooles, that ſome ſhall be ſure to haue their crownes crackt, and all through the petulant diſpoſition of *Venus*. But *Mars* ſhall come in, and play the tall man, who beeing placed in *Gemini*, that gouernes the armes and ſhoulders; and he preſageth, that ſundry tall fellowes ſhall take heart of graſſe, who armed with ſoure Cudgels ſhall ſo Lambeake their irregular huſwiues, that the wind ſhall turne into another quarter, and ſo the weather waxe more * calme and temperate.

* *Poſt nubila, Phœbus.*

Such ſuperfluxe of waters are like to enſue, through this Hyemall diſtemperature, that many bold-braines ſhall be drowned on drie hills; and fiſh, if they could not ſwim, were in great danger totally

totally to periſh. Eeles are like to bee deare, if there be few or none taken: But plenty of *Pots* ſhall be had in al places, eſpecially in thoſe Countries where women haue not their owne wils.

Now (patient Reader) in reſpect of diuers particular circumſtances drawne from the quotidian motions, progreſſions, ſtations, retrogradations, aſpects, and other appointments of fixed and extrauagant Starres, I am induced to declare, that ſuch as haue no fire, ſhall feele moſt cold; That Wier-drawers and *Preſſe-men*, if they follow not their worke cloſe, ſhall feele no great heat; and that *Compoſitors*, let them ply the Boxe neuer ſo faſt, ſhall ſhare a great part of extreame cold; and be * laught at for their labour.

* *Stulti fortunam ſibi miſeros contemnunt.*

The diſtemperance of this Quarter, is like to breed ſundry ſickneſſes as well in yong as in old, proceeding either of vicious blood, or of the ſuperabundance of inordinate guzling; as * *Cephalagies*, *Quirimobs*, or *Whimſies* in the head, that ſhall make men ſo dizzie, as that ſome ſhall ſtagger and ſtumble vp and down the ſtreets, till they haue ſtollen a nappe to ſettle their diſtempered Coxcombes.

* Catching diſeaſes, that ſpare none who come in their walkes.

Aches in the ſhoulders ſhall bee rife amongſt diuers Women that haue Knaues to their husbands; and diuers Drunken Sots ſhall bee peſtered with Surfets.

Maydens this Winter ſhall haue ſtrange *ſtitches and gripings about the girding place, which diſeaſes principally will proceed, by their ſituation in Supinity: and many actiue men ſhall bee troubled with ſuch paine in their eies, that they ſhal not *know their chamber maydes from their owne wiues.

* A malady as vnauoydable, as incurable.

* Wilfull miſpriſions.

Now becauſe I find in the *Ephimerides* of heauen, certaine vnluckie, criticall, and dangerous dayes pointed out, whoſe foreheads are full of Plagues, and vnder whoſe winges doe lurke other diſmall calamities, that threaten this Region; it ſhall not be impertinent, if I open the foule boſome of *Winter* before he paſſe further, and ſhew vnto you what contagious maladies do hang vpon him, and harbour within him. I find therfore, that a browne *dozen of ineuitable plagues, ſhall heauily light on the heads and hearts of this our Engliſh Nation; and thus I bring them out in orderly ranke:

* Twelue ſtrange plagues to happen this yeere.

1. The firſt, is the plague of *Pouerty*, When a man ha's neuer a peny in's purſe, credit with his neighbours, nor a hole to hide his head in: Alas! how many will lie languiſhing of this frenſie? how many that haunt Bowling alleyes, and fill vp Play-houſes with their infection; nay, how many that ſtalke in the middle-Ile of *Paules* in indifferent good clothes too, will be ſtrucke with this Plague? It is harder to reckon them, then to ſumme vp the vertues of a wandring woman which are numberleſſe.

Plague of Pouerty.

* *Animi generoſi nervus egeſtas execrat.*

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2. The ſecond, is the Plague of *Diſcontent*; when a husband ſhall find cold cheare, and hote words, from a ſcolding wife: Many Coblers will be ſubiect to this diſeaſe; yet they will not lie long vpon it, but euery houre be of the mending hand; marry it is ſuppoſed, their wiues will proue worſe and worſe. Plague of Diſcontent.

3. The third, is the Plague of *Contention*: when a Trauailer hath a long iourney, a tyred horſe, and a little money: This Plague will meete with many poore Yorke-ſhire Clients; and (vnleſſe they keepe it off with their hookes) with ſome Welch-men too. Plague of Contention.

4. The fourth, is the Plague of *Deceit*; when a man hath fraudulently congeſted heapes of riches, enioyes it but a while, and leaues a foole behind him to ſpend it: It is to be feared, that ſome wealthy Citizens, and quirking Lawyers cannot eſcape this Plague. Plague of Deceit.

5. The fifth, is the Plague of *Extortion*; when a man is growne old in yeeres, yet a child in goodneſſe; when his wife is a Drunkard, and his daughter a wanton, his ſonne a Lecher, and his ſeruant a pilferer: This Plague is ſure to ſhake hands with exacting Vſurers, and extorting Landlords; but chiefly with Brokers, their bodies being ſubiect to many infections, and their Conſciences to much corruption. So that it is thought, *Lord haue mercy vpon vs*, will ſticke on moſt of the doores in Houndſ-ditch and Long-lane: and that all people who loue themſelues, Plague of Extortion.

for honestie sake, will shunne those places, and those persons, whereof but one of them is sufficient to poison a whole Citie.

Plague of Lust.

6. The sixt, is the hote Plague of *Lust*: when a Maide is faire, and hath no portion; of ripe yeeres, yet troubled with the Greene-sickenesse; and longs for a husband, yet No-body will haue her. This Plague will tickle poore Chambermaids, and though it fall hard vpon them, yet will it not proue so mortall, because they haue a tricke to helpe themselues: It is to be suspected, that some Citizens daughters will be tainted too, vnlesse they take a priuate receipt against it, of their fathers Prentises: Yong Gentlewomen likewise would hardly escape, were it not that the Gentlemen-Vshers, and smooth-faced Pages, must stand betweene them and infection.

Plague of Marriage.

7. The seuenth, is the Plague of *Mariage*: when a woman possesseth a husband that is very poore, yet iealous: young, yet a cholericke foole. Seruingmens wiues (it is thought) will turne vp their heeles of this Disease; or if not die, yet lie for it a long time.

Plague of Debt.

8. The eight, is the Plague of *Debt*: when a man hath much to pay; little to discharge, and an vnmercifull Creditour. This Plague (I feare me) will flie as farre as *Bohemia*, and pitifully pester our English Souldiers, who will take more care how to wipe off the Rundles in chalke, then to winne a Towne from the enemie.

Plague of Hunger.

9. The ninth, is the Plague of *Hunger*: when

a man ſees or ſmels good cheare, and hath an excellent ſtomacke, but knowes not how to get it: if any complaine of this maladie, it will be thoſe that are the attendants at a ſcamling feaſt, or elſe, ſuch as walke ſnuffing vp and downe in Winter Euenings through *Pie-corner*, yet haue not one croſſe to repleniſh their paſternes.

10. The tenth, is the Plague of *Prodigalitie*: when a man marying a Wagtaile, and letting her out to the full length of her owne Luſt, Pride and Pleaſure; muſt thereby be beholden to his enemie, muſt honour him, that hornes him, yet dares not be reuenged: The tokens of this Plague will ſtand thicke on a number of young Bankrupts, who haue had dealing with Courtiers. Plague of Prodigality.

11. The eleuenth, is the *Horne-plague*: It will be too common both in Court, Citie, and Countrie: and albeit, it be incurable, yet none can die of it: this aking Plague takes a man firſt in the head, and he muſt needs ſicken of it, that is either a Cuckold, a Wittall, or a Suffragatour. In very many ſtreets (beſides *Cheapſide* and the *Strand*) will there be houſes contaminated with this monſtrous diſeaſe. The Horn-Plague.

12. The twelfth, is the fearefull Plague of *Ingratitude*: when a man hath much wealth, and no wiſdome; much coine and no conſcience; continuall health, and no grace to returne thankes vnto him that beſtowes it on him: when he talkes of God, yet keepes company Plague of Ingratitude.

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with the diuell. This Plague ſtrikes deepe, euen to the wounding of the Soule, and yet ſtickes by many, euen of the better ſort: Beſides theſe capitall Plagues, there be many Boyles, Carbunkles, and Bliſters of Impieties, that will lie ſucking the bones of common people, which I omit.

Thus may you diſcouer a farre off, how ſharpe a Winter we are like to haue: let vs now make triall if the *Spring* will looke vpon our *Horizon* with a more fauourable aſpect, or accorſt vs with a more chearefull ſalutation.

Exit Hyems.

Of

Of the Spring.

NExt enters vpon her Cu, that odoriferous Lady *Ver*, or the *Spring*, attended with all her Attributes of Honor: For she is the Bride of the Sunne, the Nosegay-giuer to weddings, the richest Hearbe-wife in the world: the rarest Gardiner, sweetest Perfumer, cunningst Weauer, purest Dyer, and noblest Musitian; for all the Quiristers of the Groues are her Schollers: This mother of health, Physitian to the sicke, Surgeon to the wounded; this daughter of Plenty, and sister to Sommer, comes not attired in her verdant robes, as by Poets and Printers she is published, vpon the tenth day of *March*, after the *Sunne* (with an Herculean Vigor) hath conquered his twelue Labours, and like a skilfull Charioter) hath hurried his golden Wagon through the twelue *Signes*, ready againe (as some will haue it) to beginne his taske afresh, by making his entrance vpon the first Minute of the Equinoctiall Signe of the *Ramme*, whose hornes stand in such an euen proportion a sunder, as that the Day and Night take them for their measure, and are contented to be of an equall length.

Description of the Spring.

Shall I tell you then at what *Signe* the *Spring* dwelleth at? turne vp your eyes and behold; for by these markes shall you know her, when she comes: When *Philomele* sits singing with a briar at her breast, and the Adulterer stands sighing

Reformation of bad manners, is the propagation of a good Spring.

at the thornes which pricke his Conſcience: When young teares of Repentance put on new Liueries, and Old Whoremongers plucke off the Vizars of their Vices: when the big-bellied Earth beares all kinds of flowers, and the *Courts of Princes bring forth all ſorts of Vertues: When Gardens beginne to be dreſſed, and abuſes in the Church reformed: When Lords leaue falſifying their promiſes, and Ladies leaue ſophiſticating their faces: When Courtiers pay their debts, and Citizens ſurceaſe to ſell counterfeit Wares: When Players turne Preachers, and Poets cary money in their purſes: When Lawyers plead without Fees, and Taylors cary true Billes to their Cuſtomers: When Vſurers giue all they haue to the poore, and Brokers lend money without pawnes: When Vintners doe not mixe their Wines, nor Tapſters froth vp their Iugges: When Oſtlers leaue greaſing of Horſes teeth, and Chamberlaines forbeare to lie with Country Wenches: When Beaſts waxe wanton by nature, without violating her Lawes, onely to multiply their kind for the good of man; and when men abhorre to change themſelues into the nature of Beaſts: Then, and onely then ſhall the vernall gates flie wide open; then may you boldly ſweare, it is the *Spring*.

*O Triuam!

*Sæpè diſsident ab animis gratulantium vultus.

But as the *ſlickeſt horſe may haue the ſloweſt pace, and oftentimes the faireſt *Brow may haue the fouleſt Body, ſo this beautifull daughter of old *Ianus*, who is Maſter Porter to the twelue

*Alterâ manu fert aquam, alterâ, ignem, Plutarc.

Moneths,

Moneths, by dealing with ſome few vnſalubrious Planets, is thought not to be free from diſeaſes. A ſpice therefore of one Plague or other, will lie in her tender bones, by which meanes this *Spring* to ſome people (eſpecially the *French*, and I feare the *Engliſh* cannot goe Scot-free) will proue as fatall, and as buſie in priuie Searches, as the *fall of the Leafe*.

The Dugges of this delicate young bed fellow to the *Sunne*, will ſo flow with the milke of *Profit* and *Plenty*; that (of all other) Some Players (if * *Fortune*, turned *Phœnix*, faile not of her promiſe) will lie ſucking at them with their fulſome forcaſtings, for pence and two-pences, like young * Pigges at a Sow newly farrowed, for that they are in danger to meet with a hard *Winter*, and be forced to trauell ſoftly on the hoofe.

* *Præſtat fortunatum, quàm ſapere.*

* *Auri ſacra fames, quid non mortalia pectora cogis?* *Virg.*

It is coniectured likewiſe, That in this time of coalition betweene the *Planets* and the *Earth*, Lawyers will grow vp ſo thicke, as that they will ſcarce liue * honeſtly one by another; and moſt of them ſhall proue to their Clients, as tares to a field of Corne: for they ſhall proſper beſt when they choake thoſe by whom they were nouriſhed: yet on the contrary ſide, ſhall Maiden-heads be ſo ſcant, that if * two hundred be to be had ouer-night, one hundred ninety and nine of them will be ſtrucke off before the next Morning.

* But one ſtep lower then Impoſſibility.

* Luſt, like death, ſweeps all before it.

Notwithſtanding all this, I finde, that *Winter* finiſhing with the laſt grade of the watrie Signe *Piſces*, at *Sols* ioyfull Progreſſe into the firſt de-

gree of *Aries*, then muſt the *Spring* needs march vp in the next rancke, and ſhew her face * when graſſe begins to ſprout, and trees to bud. By which I gather, That this *Spring* will bee very ill for Schollers : for they ſhall ſtudy much, and gaine little : They ſhall cary more wit in their pates, then white money in their purſes. * Dunces ſhall proue more wealthy then Doctors; inſomuch that ſundry vnlettered ſots ſhall ſcrue themſelues into the Miniſtery, if the prouident care of reuerend Biſhops doe not iuſtle them aſide. And by the opinion of *Proteus*, * women are like to grow wilfull, and ſo variable, that they ſhal laugh and weepe, chide and chat, and all with a breath.

* An infallible ſigne of the Springs approach.

* *Rebus humanis, ordine nullo, fortuna regit, ſpargitq; manu munera cæca pejora fouens*, Sen.

* *Flent, rident, ſapiunt, inſaniunt*, &c.

Butchers ſhall ſell their meate as deare as they can, and if they be not carefull, hornes ſhall bee hurtfull vnto them : and ſome ſhall be ſo wedded to ſwines fleſh, that they ſhall neuer be without a Sow in their houſe as long as they liue.

This vernall Reuolution being naturally hote and moiſt, is like to be very forward for flowrie fields and blooming trees : and becauſe *Saturne* will reſide in his proper manſion, Old men are like to be very wayward, and crafty Scriueners (or * Knaues, all is one) ſhall neede no Brokers : Vſury, ſhall be called, good Husbandrie; and men ſhall be eſteemed honeſt for their wealth, not for their * Vertues. And becauſe *Aquarius* muſt keepe ſome leuell-coile this Quarter, it is to be doubted that many Springs of water will riſe vp in

* *Error ex amore, non ex more.*

* *Quærenda pecunia primum eſt, virtus poſt nummos.* Horat.

in Vintners Sellars, to the great weakning of their Gascoine Wine, and to the vtter dissolution of the ancient Order of the *Red-noses*. March Beere shall also be more set by, then small Ale.

Out of the Old Stocke of Heresie, it is to be expected this *Spring*, will sprout foorth new schismaticall Opinions, and strange Sects, as *Separatists*, *Armanists*, with other exoticke Niceties and *Balductum* diseases, to the disturbance of the vnity of the Church, and disquieting of good mens consciences: but I could wish, that the learned Doctor, Sir *T. Tyburne* might bee put to that taske, as to confute such vpstart Statists, with his rope-ripe conclusions.

Multiplicity of Sects, dangerous to a State.

Because *Cancer* will bee busie this Spring-tide; it is therefore likely, that the flourishing blossomes of young vnstayed Gentlemen, shall bee so vnmercifully annoyed with Caterpillars, who shall entangle them in such *Statutes* and *Recognizances*, that they shall cry out against Brokers, as *Ieremie* did against the false Prophets. Besides, though this last Winter nipt vp many Picke-pockets, yet this *Spring* is like to affoord twice as many; so that at euery * Tearme shall bee found an Hundred at least in *Westminster-Hall*.

* Read me a Riddle, what's this?

Barbers also shall become poulers of the Common-wealth; and Iatronicall Lease-mongers, pillers of their poore Tenants.

Mercury combuſt ſhall ſo ſet men together by the eares, that many Lawyers ſhall grow rich, get the Diuell and all, no matter * how; and weare ſide gownes, and wide Conſciences; ſtill keeping their mouths open to call for a feeling, and their purſes ſhut, when they ſhould beſtow an almes. Oſtlers ſhall ſteale Hay in the night from Gentlemens horſes, and rub their teeth with tallow, that they may eate little prouender while they ſtand at Liuery: but this I prognoſticate againſt them, that being extruded from humane ſocietie, they ſhall die in Hay-lofts, and that ſo poorely too, as all their wealth ſhall ſcarce purchaſe them Chriſtian buriall.

* *Si Leonina pellis non ſufficit, vulpina addenda*, Zenod.

* But let me not hide theſe ſecrets from you (my Country-men) that *Iupiter*, being in milde aſpect with *Venus*, diſcouereth; which are; That diuers ſhall drinke more then they bleed; That Taylors ſhall ſteale nothing but what is brought vnto them: That Poulterers ſhall bee ſtinkingly peſtered with rotten Egges; and that Butchers dogs ſhall make Libels againſt *Lent*, for affording no better diet then Herring-cobs, for their ſlabbring Chappes.

* Wonderfull euents premonſtrated.

Other diſeaſes incident to this Quarter, as by Aſtrologicall Coniectures I can gather, are theſe; Prentiſes that haue beene ſoundly cudgel'd ſhall be troubled with a ſoreneſſe on their ſhoulders; and it ſhall be very ill for them that haue ſore eies to haue ſand thrown in them, or to looke againſt the Sunne. This plague ſhall raigne mightily amongſt

Diſcouery of diſeaſes.

mongſt poore ſtage-keepers, that they ſhall not be able to change a groat for a boxe o'th eare. Beſide, ſicke folkes ſhall haue queaſier ſtomacks, then thoſe that bee ſound: and men that cannot ſleepe, ſhall take very little reſt: with other accidentall infirmities, which for breuity ſake I am content to ſlurre ouer.

A Prediction of Summer, 1623.

NOW ſteps in the *Minion* of the yeere, *Summer*: the Miſtris of the earth, daughter and heire to the *Spring*, and Empreſſe ouer many Kingdomes; whoſe robes are fields of ſtanding corne; whoſe crowne is a garland playted of all varieties of fruites. *Summer*, the poore mans Almner, and the rich mans Land-lady: the Ploughmans Goddes to whom he praies, the ſhepheards Queene to whom he does homage: the filler of Barnes, the feeder of Birds, the fatner of men and beaſts, the worlds Magazine, the Nurſe of Plenty, the ſworne-enemy to dearths and ſcarcity. *Summer*, that's the Saint, to whom *Bowyers*, and *Fletchers* kneele; in whoſe praiſe, Archers ſend out ſhouts, and Hay-makers mery Songs. Deſcription of Summer.

This red-lipt, liuely-fac'd, roſie-finger'd Damſell, comes not by turne to her Coronation, on the Eleuenth day of *Iune*, according to vulgar Aſtronomicall computation, when the Sunne hath

hath fetcht his cariere vp as high, as the first degree of the Estiuall Solstice (*Cancer,*) which is the vtmost declension from the North to the Equinoctiall, &c. but I find that she hath forsaken those celestiall houses, wherein she did vse to lie, in her illustrious progresse, and hath taken vp her lodging in sublunarie Mansions, from whence she must issue: And these that follow shall be the Harbingers, to make way, or the Heralds to proclaime her comming.

* Entrance of Summer.

* When our exuberant, though superanuated Grandam (the Earth) shall (albeit in her dayes of morositie) be great with child of Corne, Flowers, and Fruites, and be ioyfully deliuered of them; yet that * vngratefull creature, enriched with Reason onely, shall be barren of all goodnesse:

* *Non est dignus dandis, qui non agit grates pro datis, Greg. in Moral.*

When the heate of the Sunne-beames begets Gold in the Veines of the Earth, yet Gold when it is brought foorth, shall beget a coldnesse in the hearts of men:

When Riuers shall swell with Spring-tides, and the fountaines of Learning be drawen drie; and stopped vp with the rubbish of Disreputation. When sheepe hurrie to broad trees, to shroud their carkeises vnder their shades from the wrath of Heauen, and when *Innocencie* is protected vnder the wings of *Greatnesse*, from the furie of *Oppression:*

When Cuckooes sing merrily; and Cuckolds laugh at their owne hornes:

When

When Courtiers ride the Wild-gooſe chace; and Farmers ſtand by, and neuer curſe their Horſemanſhip.

When Haruеſters come ſinging from the field, becauſe their corne is bound vp in ſheaues; and when Citizens Wiues walke to their Gardens, yet bring from thence to their husbands no Noſegayes beſtucke with Columbines:

Theſe, and many other like theſe, are the Badges that *Summer* weares; and neuer comes, but when ſhe puts on theſe and ſuch like Liueries: yet for all this, that Originall curſe which at firſt was layd vpon her, ſhall this yeere 1623. ſo cruſh her beautifull ſtructure, inſomuch that her luſty and neruall limbes ſhall grow weake, and her entrailes be ready to drie and rumple vp to nothing, by reaſon of a ſtrange famine, which ſhall moſt vnmercifully feed vpon her.

Diuers deare yeeres haue crept out of the Chronicles of precedent ages, to ſhow their viſages to this preſent time, but the face of this ſhall looke more grizly then them all. In the time of * *Edward* the ſecond there was ſuch a famine, that horſe-fleſh then was accounted as dainty, as Hares-fleſh now; and fat * Dogs ſnapt vp as faſt then, as fat Pigs are now with vs at *Bartlemew-tide*; for that Oxen and Sheepe, and other prouiſions, were drawen vp to ſuch an exceſſiue rate, as that people of the meaner ranke could not reach vnto it. But this yeere, 1623. Oxen and Calues ſhall not be ſold ſo deare in Smithfield;

* Holinſhed *cum multis aliis.*

* *O quantum cogit egeſtas!*

men shall be sold as cheape: nay men shall turne * *Omophagi*, and deuoure one another. Country Gentlemen shall eate vp the industrious Farmers: Citizens, the Country Gentlemen: Courtiers, the Citizens: Lease-mongers, their Tenants: the diuell, the Lease-mongers. The Shop-keepers, or crafty-handed men, shall feed on the handicrafts men: Lawyers shall swallow their Clients, and many of them be suddenly choked, with a bad Cause sticking crosse their throats: And Vsurers shall cramme downe young *Heires*, as if they were pickled greene Geese, or bakt Woodcocks.

* *Homo homini lupus.*

But here *Albumazar* steps in with a crosse-point to counterbuffe mine opinion, and he will needs affirme: That when the *Sunne* hath made his voyage through the germinall Signes, *Aries*, *Taurus*, and *Gemini*, and takes vp his Inne at the solsticiall estiuall Signe *Cancer*, then shall the third part of the yeere, called *Summer*, beginne his raigne: But I positiuely conclude, (and to maintaine the Prouerbe, *will haue mine owne saying*,) That * *Summer* beginnes, when the weather waxeth so hote, that beggars scorne Barnes, and lie in the fields; and the night-Crowes of Saint *Pancrace-church*, build their nests vnder the shades of *Colman-hedge*, or the new found vaulting Schoole *adiacent*.

* An infallible rule to know when Summer beginnes.

This Quarter therefore will prooue so immoderately hote, that diuers Mechanickes shall hurle their cloakes into Hounds-ditch, doffe their * doublets and damme them in Debt-lane; and walke

* *Cantabit vacuus coram Latrone viator.*

walke in their Waſte-coates and greaſie aprons, for nimbleneſſe-ſake, for that they muſt trudge to prouide a cooling-card for their inflamed Liuers. And by reaſon that the flammigerous, and fire-foming *Dog-ſtar* ſhall ſnuffe vp the Planets, and with his flaring tong, licke vp the graſſe off the tops of hills, parch the corne-fields, ſeare the low-layd Valleys, and dye the face of *Ceres* as tawnie as a Gypſies, all Tobacco-ſhops ſhall ſmoke for it; but eſpecially the *Katherine-wheele*, * where (by the confluence of Kind-hearts) ſhall be found theſe three * *Contentments*: Great Pipes, Good Tobacco, and gentle Vſage.

* An honeſt man, is his owne praiſer.
* *Contentus in pace bibere.*

If this yeere, *Aquarius* piſſe freely after quaffing, then at the *Signe* of the Cerulean-coloured ſauage Boare, ſhall, (this yeere,) be had for ready money, all ſorts of precious Waters; as your *Aqua frigida, refecta, calida, colorata, limpida, luctuoſa, fucoſa, feculenta, potabilis, portabilis, vtilis, futilis, Bumme, Humme*, and *Hawberna*: The which *Hawberna*, (as it is reported by a famous, and fumous * Hiſtorian) the great Duke of *Moſco* drinkes of, but vpon Feſtiuals: for if he ſhould drinke it daily, the reuenues of his whole *Empire* could not maintaine it.

* Radulphus Brutus. Iſeldonius.

But becauſe that *Vrſa-maior* ſhall be auſpiciouſly inclined to *Homogeneall Congruity*, and ſimiliancie of condition, by his appointment ſhall * *Vrſa-minor* be vnmuzzled, and blurt out more * light-headed Bottle-beare then halfe *Barbican*; the which being once let looſe, will furiouſly flie

* Or, the white Beare.
* Becauſe ſtopt with Corke.

in any mans face; nay, if hee gape, to gallop downe into his guts too: but being discharged, if it happen to bounce or hit against a Goodfellowes nose, it will hisse like a Snake bathing in the Sunne vnder the skirts of a Groue, or as Oyle poured downe vpon an ouer-heated Anuile: Bottle-ale likewise shall be as busie as a fooliſh Constable; and mad-brain'd Malt, shall bee ready to doe the offices of a knauish * Beadle against meale-mouth'd Wheat. Of purpose to entertaine the *Sunnes* glorious returne from the *Antipodes*, innocent *More-fields* shall this Quarter bee cloathed all in white: For the shirts of Masters, the smockes of Maydes; the smockes of Mistrisses, and the shirts of seruants, shall bee there so *promiscuously layd together, that it would almost make a sinner of a Saint to behold them: And (three to one) if they dare lie so neere together abroad, they will venter to lie closer when they are at home; as questionlesse they do, when (being folded vp) they lie one vpon another: so that this is the forcible occasion, that will stirre vp shirts and smockes to *smell after each other; or at least wise, shirts to smell after smockes all the yeere after.

Mercury, moreouer, hath so constituted, that those who are drunke ouer-night will bee drie in the morning: those that be-pisse their beds shall be *vexed with Fleas; and such as want meat, and haue no *money to buy it, shall bee very likely to goe supperlesse to bed.

Besides,

* *Sic figulus figulum, sic Faber fabrum odit*

* A fearfull confusion to happen this Summer in *Moore-fields.*

*Citizens, old smel-smocks.

* *Optimum est pati, quod emendare non potes*, Sen. Epi. 4. lib. 18.

* *Feras non culpes, quod vitari non potest.*

Besides, this Quarter, great hurly-burlyes are to be expected, and horrible Stratagemes like to bee performed: for Butchers shall make vnmercifull hauocke amongst Flies, and Beggers on Sunne-shine dayes shall commit monstrous murthers vpon their neuer-ceasing blood-suckers. The Assistants likewise of *Coopersmiths-hall* shall doe mightie deeds of armes vpon Cuppes, Kannes, Pots, Glasses, and Blew-anckour Iackes; not giuing ouer the skirmish as long as they are able to stand, or wagge a finger.

Further it is to be doubted, that because *Venus* soiournes in the house of *Mars*; That Millars, Weauers, and Taylors, will proue as theeuish, as they are knauish: and Maids this Quarter will make sillibubbes for their Louers so long, till at the length some of them calue with the Cow for company. But *Iupiter* in his exaltation presageth, that diuers * Gallants shall creepe further into the *Mercers* booke in a moneth, then they can get out in a yeere. If there be such excessiue plenty of Cherries this Quarter, that *Fruterers* know not what to doe with them, they perchance may fall to sixe-shillings the pound: and *Costard-mongers* this *Summer* shall bee licenc'd by the *Wardens* of their Hall, to weare broad baskets on their heads, to keepe them from the heate of the *Sunne*.

* *Semel rubidi, decies pallidi.* Suidas.

But *Libra* adust, and retrograde, foretelleth, that there is like to be a League betweene diuers Bakers and the Pillorie, for making their bread too light; and the *Sunne* shall be so hot, *that* it shall

melt away the * dropsie consciences of couetous men; & that by the amorous aspects of *Venus*, residing in the lodge of *Scorpio*, women shall fall so loue-sicke, that ciuill Lawyers, Sumners, & Surgeons shall feed vpon their sins, and fare the bet-by them all their life time after; and besides diuers of these *Lying* spirits shall bee seene to stand in white sheets like Ghosts, in Churches, of purpose to affright such like offenders.

* *Quo plus sunt potæ, plus sitiuntur aquæ.*

But by the way learne this of mee, That *Shoomakers* will grow so proud, that they shall refuse the name of *Souters*: And the *Taylor* and the *Louse* shall stand so vpon the poynt, in defence of each other; That were it not, the worshipfull Company of *Botchers* haue set down this Order; That he who lies a bed, till his cloathes bee mended, needs not keepe a man to looke to his Wardrobe. But amongst all, the * *Smiths* haue exhibited a Supplication to the *Ale-cunners*, That he who goes drunke to bed, and assoone as hee wakes i'th morning, dares not carouse a hearty draught next his heart, shall be adiudged to drink small *Ale* for his penance, prouided hee can get no strong.

*Necessary Impositions on Pot-hunters.

Consonant to the variation of this Season, shall variable diseases be predominant; as namely, the * *Plurisie*, which shall so abound in many, that in ill, they shall exceed their patterne, though in goodnesse they fall short of their samplar. Fluxes also, and those in poore mens purses; for they shall be so laxatiue, that money shall runne out faster,

* *In omnibus rebus magis offendit nimium, quàm parùm*, Cicero.

faſter, then they are able to put in. The ſmall *Pockes* amongſt children, and the great amongſt great men: Infirmities alſo in the tongue; for ſome ſhall doe nought but lie, and oftentimes with thoſe they ſhould not.

* *Cum magnis, magna creſcunt.*

But becauſe wee would not ſwelt, and waxe faint, vnder the heate of this vnſeaſonable *Summer*, let vs make haſte out of it, and deſcend to the next Quarter, to make trial what benefits that will participate vnto vs.

Of

Of Autumne or the Fall of the Leafe.

Description of the fall of the Leafe.

Autumnus, the chiefe Barber to the right Honorable Lord *Annus*, that mad ſhauer of Buſhes, Hedges, and Trees: the ragged Prodigall that conſumes all, and leaues himſelfe nothing: the arranteſt Raggamuffin amongſt all the foure Quarters, and the moſt diſeaſed, as being alwayes troubled with the Falling-ſickneſſe, and (French-man like) not ſuffering an haire to ſtay on his head. This murderer of the *Spring*, this theefe to *Summer*, and bad companion to *Winter*, ſcornes to come in according to his old wont, when the *Sunne* ſits *Iuſtice* with a paire of ſcales in her hand, weighing no more houres to the day, then he does to the night, as he did before in his Vernall progreſſe, when he rode on a *Ram*: But this * Bald-pate will be ſeene walking vp and downe Groues, Gardens, Medowes, Fields, Woods, Parkes and Paſtures, * blaſting of fruits, beating leaues from their liuings; and trampling the gawdy garments of his Siſter, the *Spring*, vnder his feete.

* *Dominatur vt in grege Taurus*, Liu. *Quod non poteſt, vult poſſe, qui nimium poteſt.*

Signes of his comming.

By theſe tokens alſo ſhall you perceiue his approach, when the World lookes like the old *Chaos*; and the Ground, like a young Prodigall,

new

new shorne by an Vsurer: when *Lust* rides to the *Bathe*, and is at great charge with *Cornelius* to keepe him company: when Luxurie flies amongst Hen-sparrowes, and brings not halfe the feathers home he carried out: when * *Whoredome* craules along with a staffe in his hand, saddle-sunke Nose on his face, and a night-cap, in stead of heire, on his naked scalpe: when Bawdes cry out of their bones; Punkes, pray for the morning; and Panders put off their Calues with their stockings when they goe to bed: when many Great Ones cry, Oh, with a poxe to them; and some too, who would be entitled, Gentlemen; shall not be able to lift their Armes, to shew them.

* Lust, its owne punishes.

But all these are the fond fancies of *Æsculapius*, whose iudgement in these kinds I would be lothe to embrace. Therefore mine opinion is, (and that must cary it) That this Tatterdemalian *Autumne*, (whom Physitians call, *The fall of the Leafe*, and the Farmers *Harueſt*,) beginnes to shew his ill-fauoured face, * when corne is ripe, and calls to be reaped, and when the sinnes of men are shot vp to that height, as that they cry out for the sickle of Gods vengeance to cut them downe;

* True entrance of Autumne.

When the issue of the Earth are disroabed of all their Verdures, and the brood of man stript naked of all their Vertues:

When *Greatneſſe* ſits pruning her feathers, (and thoſe borrowed too) in the Sunne-ſhine of *Reputation*, and *Goodneſſe* be faine to lie ſculking in the ſhadow of *Contempt*:

When *Flattery* is euery Lords fellow in the * Court, and *Honeſty* is forced to goe a begging in in the Country, becauſe the Citie will not entertaine her:

* *Exeat aula qui vult eſſe pius.*

When *Couſnage* ſhall Foxe-like, be coopt and chained vp in the darke corners of Sale-mens ſhops, and vpon aduantage, be let looſe on the buyer, to gnaw out the bowels of his purſe, and yet he neuer feele it.

When Churches ſhall be empty of ſound-hearted profeſſors, and Ale-houſes cram'd full of * beſtiall and pernitious Pot-ſuckers:

* *Vbi regnat Ebrietas, ibi exulat Ratio.*

When *Murther* ſhall be held but manly reuenge; and the maine act of man-ſlaughter, made but the light *Scæne* of mans-laughter:

When *Vſury* ſhall be tearmed *Thrift*, and Lechery, a tolerable *tricke of youth*: *Extorſion, warie husbandrie*; *Pride, comlineſſe*; and *Drunkennneſſe*, a laudable *recreation*.

* *Quod ſimile Vero eſt, peſſimum eſt mendacium, Quint. Decl. 11.*

When *Hypocriſie* gets on the gabbardine of * *Sanctitie*, to goe to Church in on a Sabbath day,

day, where he will ſit ſighing at a Sermon, and turne vp his eyes, as though he would ſhoote them through the Churches roofe into Heauen; and being returned home, fals to an vndigeſted ſeeming-deuout prayer, and that ſo lowde too, as his * neighbours round about may heare him: yet neuertheleſſe, all the weeke after will practiſe no worſe, then to lie for aduantage, falſifie his promiſe, filch himſelfe drunke, if he can catch it a free-coſt, traduce his neighbour ſecretly, defraud his friend, and then fliere in his face:

* *Aliud palam agere, aliud clam, dedecet probos.* Plin. lib. 4.

When children ſhall fling vp oathes and execrations againſt the face of heauen, in the ſtreets, and their Parents ſit laughing at their doores, to heare them ſo forward of their tongues:

When * *Iuſtice* is ſo troubled with the palſey in her hand, that when ſhe is to poyze her ballance, ſhe makes a ſolide cauſe ſeeme light, and a light cauſe, heauie and downe-waight; and when ſhe heaues her ſword, and ſtrikes more out of rage then right; mad-man like, wounding thoſe that ſtand neereſt vnto her.

* *Qui ſceleſtis parcit, omnes perditum it bonos,* Saluſt.

When the graſs of *Grace* lie ſtarke deaded in the hearts of men, and *Goodneſſe* is excluded from humaine ſocietie.

Theſe, with a ſupernumerarie multitude of

the ſame breed, ſhall bee the vndoubted ſignals of the *Fall of the Leafe*, or rather of the finall diſſolution and deſolation of this wide, wilde, and wicked Vniuerſe.

But for the nature of this *Autumnall* Reuolution, becauſe it begins in *Libra*, I find, That Grocers, Chandlers, and ſuch like, ſhall vſe little weights in their publike Shoppes, and leſſer meaſures in their priuate Chambers: That Knaues ſhall weare ſmockes, and Women haue Warrens in their hearts, that as faſt as Loue creepes in at one hole, it runnes out at another.

Yet *Leo*, being an igniferall Signe, foreſheweth; That diuerſe men ſhall weare their teeth longer then their *Beards, and ſome ſhall be ſo Sunne-burnt with ſitting in the Ale-houſe, that their noſes ſhall Match-like, light a Candle. Others ſhall for want of money pawne their Cloakes, and ſtalke mannerly in their hoſe and Doublets. Some alſo this Quarter ſhall haue barnes, yet want corne to fill them with.

*Monſtrum horrendum, informe, ingens, cui crinis ad ſupplicium.

Rie, this Quarter ſhall bee common and plentifull euer where, and Knaues ſhall haue licence to ſell it by the mouthfull: and hee that will not ſpend a penny with his friend, by the counſell of *Drinkalius*, ſhall be thruſt quite out of all good Company for a Hoggrubber.

*One of the learned Doctors of the Labour-in-vaine.

It may be doubted, that ſome vncouth maladies will be obuious & obnoxious this quarter: as *Hollowneſſe of the heart*, ſo as one ſhall hardly know a Knaue from an honeſt man: lingring **Conſumptions* alſo of the liuer, that diuers men of good wealth ſhall (by the perſwaſion of their kind hearts) ſpend all, and die bankrupts: Some ſhall bee troubled with ſuffocations in their throates, which cannot be helpt, vnleſſe *Brandon* the hang man, play the skilfull Chyrurgion. Amongſt the reſt, many that haue wiues with faire faces, and foule hearts, ſhall be troubled with an inuiſible ſwelling in their browes; a miſchieuous Malady as incurable, as vnauoydable. Some ſhall be troubled with the *Stone*, and ſeeke to cunning women to aſſwage the fury of that diſeaſe; an infirmity eaſily cured, were it not, that the Doctors of Bridewell did puniſh ſuch feminine Phiſitians by a Statute. But the moſt grieuous diſeaſe that is to be feared, is the **Cataphaluſie* (that is) when good fellowes (for want of money) ſhall oft times be contented to breake vp company.

Plutus claudus eſt, cùm accedit, cùm recedit aliger. Lucian *in* Timone.

An vncouth Malady neuer knowne before.

Thus farre haue you heard of imminent Plagues, Famines, and Diſeaſes, that hang in the tumerous clouds, euery minute ſtriuing to burſt out, and fall vpon our criminall Coxcombes; Misfortunes are not borne alone, but like married fooles they come in couples. Now muſt a ciuill War march at the heeles of theſe by-paſt miſeries, and in this variable Quarter will hee

* Strange calamities to ceize on Westminster.

first strike vp his Drum at * *Westminster* : who in the beginning thereof, shall lie sicke of a long *Vacation*, and being enraged with the furious operation of this disease, shee buffets her owne cheekes, teares her haire, and would drinke her owne heart-blood in the anguish of her soule. Then sits shee like a * Widdow in the midst of her mourning; then doe her goodly Buildings looke like infected Pest-houses, from whence the Inhabitants are fled: then are her Chambers empty, and her common pathes vntroden. Thus shall the beginning of the *Fall of the leafe* trouble her, insomuch that she feeles the state of her body very weake, and lyable to infirmities: for these Canker-wormes, called *Vacations*, corrode her carkasse, and then leaue it in a long and wasting consumption, more grieuous to her memory, then the comming on of a tedious Winters night to a man tormented with sicknesse, or a marriage delayed, to those that lye sighing for the delights thereof.

* *Proh dolor hinc lachryma!*

Tempora temporibus mutantur tristia lætis: Succedunt lumnis, gaudia summa malis.

But now note with mee, how suddenly the streame of her sorrow is * turn'd another way: for iust in the necke of this, shall come in the *Meditullium*, or middle part of this interchangeable season, and bring her Balme to cure her fore-receiued wounds; and that's the *Law*, (which lies in at euery Vacation) who is brought a bed foure times a yeere, and deliuered of foure sonnes, that is, the foure *Tearmes*; one of which comes to visite her: At whose first sight, her

heart

heart leapes *Lauolto's* in her bosome; Now shall ye see her as * iocund, as a damsell fast folded in the embracements of her Louer: now shall her cheekes looke red, with an high and lusty colour, for she will wash them in Wines: now shall her Tenants sleepe securely, for they will drinke soundly: now dares she talke * any thing, for she ha's the Law on her side: now shall her Inhabitants bee contented to take crack't crownes, though at another time, they would goe neere to stab him, that should but play with their noses.

Character of her excessiue ioy.

Quid non?

Now shall Vintners be as busie, as Bees in a Hiue; for as Bees flie from one flower to another to sucke out Honey, so shall the *Drawers* leape from one Hogshead to another to let out Wines. In euery roome are the Pottle-pots working, to bring in gaines to their Master, as the other labour to bring forth Waxe for their Hiues. The stings which should be placed in their tayles, are brought in their tongues, to those that at the end of Cup-emptying, are summon'd to the * Barre for a reckoning; for none but men of Reckoning can there be entertained: now the *Drones*, are such, as guzzle downe that, which would doe others good, yet hurt themselues.

Description of a well-custom'd Tauerne.

Qui bibit, soluat, is Tauerne law.

Neither shall *Tauernes* alone fall into this profitable and healthfull *sweating* * *sickneſſe*: but all other Trades, Occupations, Mysteries, and Professions, shal row vp and downe this Spring-

Morbus vtilis, non eget medicamine bono.

tide ſtreame of buſines: and ſuch good draughts ſhall they haue, that all ſhall prooue Fiſh that come into their nets.

Beſides, in the open ſtreets ſhall be ſuch walking, ſuch talking, ſuch running, ſuch riding, ſuch clapping too of windowes, ſuch rapping at Chamber-doores, ſuch ratling of pen and Inkehornes, ſuch ruſtling of Buckram-bags, ſuch balling for Prouant, ſuch calling vpon Shots, and ſuch ruffling of ſtuffe Gownes, that at this time, ſome ſhall verily thinke themſelues in a Towne of Warre, and it ſhall truly fall out ſo to be.

For in the height and heat of this irregular combuſtion, ſhall a moſt heauie, blacke, and bitter * conflict happen (if the *Starres* doe not gull mee) betweene *Lawyers*, and their *Clyents*; and *Weſtminſter-hall* ſhall bee the field where it ſhall be tryed out: what thundring, what thumping, what threatning, what muſtring, what marching, what Baricadoing, what countermuring; what wheelings, what windings, what ſummoning to parlees, what defiances will there be racketed on either ſide? diſmall ſhall this expedition be to ſome, deadly to others, and ioyfull to a third ſort. It is not yet doom'd by the *Metaphyſicall Moderators*, on whoſe ſide the * victory will flie, but by all Metempſichoſicall conieCtures, it is thought the Lawyers will carie away the day, be it but with wrangling! For thoſe that goe armed with Buckram-bagges, in

ſtead

Tanto bello, innocens, ac noxius iuxta cadit. Tacit. *lib.* 1. *Annal. cap.* 48.

Palma in medio poſita eſt, accipiat qui poteſt, Terent.

ſtead of Muskets; with Pen and Inkehornes by their ſides, in ſtead of Touch-boxes, and ſhoote nothing but Paper-pellets, ſhall haue thoſe in terrible execution, * who march with blacke Boxes at their girdles, and white Billes in their hands.

Weakeſt goe to the walles.

And albeit, it goe hard on either ſide ouernight, or that the one part be put to the worſe, yet the next morning, ſhall there be ſiding into Factions; *Lawyer, againſt Lawyer; Client againſt Client, and all of them endeauour to reaſſume freſh courage and magnanimity. Then ſhall theſe men of Law march againe into the Hall, as it were to the field: The *Councellers* ſhall be the Leaders, *Atturnyes*, & *Clerkes*, petty Commanders, and Officers of both the Armies: the trained old weather-beaten Soldadoe's, ſhall be thoſe that haue followed the Law a long time, and by brabbles haue made themſelues, and their families Beggars: The freſh-water Souldiers, ſhall be thoſe, as were but the laſt Tearme embarqued in the Action.

Lis litem parit, Phocylid.

In which *March of theirs, if you ſhould but fall in amongſt the Ranckes, you will preſently ſuppoſe your ſelues in the Turkiſh Leaguer: for as the Souldiers there, ſo *theſe* heere, talke of nothing but Stratagems and points of Warre. Some threaten to ouerthrow their Foe-men, vpon *Aſſaults* and *Batteries*: Some (as if an enemy were to be blowne vp in a Cittadell) ſweare to driue them out by way of *Ejections*: Others, as if they

En quo diſcordia ciues, perduxit miſeros! Virg.

they came to the ſacking of *Conſtantinople*, vpon nothing but *Attachments*, both of body and goods.

But becauſe I haue wit enough to keepe my ſelfe out of Gunſhot, and to remember an old-ſaid Saw, which long agoe I learn't of my Grandame, That *it is wholeſome ſleeping in a whole ſkin*; I will heere leaue them together by the eares*: Fight Dog, fight Beare; and for me the Deuill part them.

*Tutiſſimum in portu nauigare.

A briefe Prediction of the 12. *Months of the Yeare*. 1623.

BVt for I ſcorne to vndervalue ſo my Skill, as to ſerue vnder the Standard of vulgar Aſtronomy, I ſhould heere lay downe ſome Documents, when to eate hote meates, and when to drinke new Wines: but becauſe euery Widgin (that ha's money in his purſe, and eyes in his head to ſtumble to a Tauerne) can doe this without a *Kalendar*, I pretermit it, as friuolous and feculent.

Moreouer, I ſhould ſhow you how many followers euery *Month* maintaines, as ſome Thirty, ſome One and thirty, and one onely but Eight and twenty; becauſe hee is fallen to decay, and therefore keepes but a colde houſe: amongſt which ſeruing Creatures, I ſhould giue you the names of the Gentlemen, who are the *Dominæ all*

Letters,

Letters, wearing Red liueries both *Winter* and *Sommer*: but becauſe I would not willingly haue a hand in grinding ſuch baſe Colours, giue me leaue to ayre your thoughts on a nimbler wing, where they ſhall flye in a high place; and from whence (as if you ſate in the moſt perſpicuous Twopenny Gallery of a Playhouſe) you ſhall with perſpicacity behold all the partes, which I (your new-come *Aſtrologer*) ſhall Act among the *Starres*; and thus I begin:

The working dayes of euery Month, ſhall not be obſerued this Yeare, as in times of yore; by reaſon of certaine morball infirmities, that are vnauoydably to domineere ouer Tradeſmen, as the **Lazie-euill*, the *Lethargie*, and the *whiripuffe*; which is, a forgetfull careleſneſſe of their owne State: Dizzineſſe of the pate, (ariſing from the fumes of Tap-laſh) and the like. For men of occupations ſhall in ſpite of *Order*; or the rules of *Almanacke-makers*, tranſpoſe Workidayes into the roomes of Holidayes: yea, by my fea, and women ſhall hold Holy-dayes in ſuch baſe contempt, that though their Husbands doe then ſhut vp Shops, and lay not abroad their Wares; yet ſhall the Wiues fall cloſe to worke in their ſecret Chambers.

* Wonderfull Maladies amongſt Tradeſmen.

Diuers Grocers this yeare perhaps may breake, for many Reaſons, beſt knowne to themſelues: but (if *Agrippa* foble me not) thoſe Apothecaries muſt haue maine good doings, whoſe *Wiues* are ſurpaſſing faire, and their *Doctors* ſuperlatiue-

perlatiuely famous for their practick & Chance-medley *Science*.

This yeare shall Religion bee * scoft at, and a deepe scandall struck on the Professors thereof: so that *Holinesse* shall bee faine to hide its head, for feare of being branded with that irreligious Nick-name of Puritan; and many zealous Saints shall not dare, outwardly to shew the fruits of that Profession, which inwardly hath taken deepe roote in their hearts, lest they should be snapt vp with the thorny teeth of calumnious Reproach. But woe to the world (cry I) because of offences: For my better *Genius* tels me, that had it not beene for these *Moseses*, these heauenly stop-gaps, who by their powerfull Ejaculations and prayers, haue from time to time, bung'd vp the vessels of Gods wrath, it long ere this, had been, in no lesse fearefull manner, then plentifull Measure, powred downe vpon this Kingdome, to its vtter demolishment and perdition.

* Mockers of Religion, are in the high way to Reprobation.

Diuers likewise this yeare, shall surfet in sinne and sensuality, wholly anchoring their hopes on the Spanish Prouerbe, *A Roma por todo, At Rome there are* * *Ablolutions* enow for all manner of *Transgressions*: and so nuzzeling themselues in all sortes of Naughtinesse, at last shall dye of the * *Sardinian* Disease. *O may the Sunne of Grace so shine into them, that at last they may see (with melting soules) the Cimmerian blindnesse of their caliginous Errors!* And that's all the harme I wish them.

* Grease a Frier in the fist, then liue as you list.

* A Disease, of which many dye laughing.

This

This yeere, shall more Newes be coyn'd by the numerous * Multitude, in a minute of an houre, then shall fall out to be true, in a Million of yeeres: For diuers, out of an ill-season'd, discompos'd, and vn-occasion'd *Affection*, and fanaticall *Fancie*, shall conclude infinite *Infallibilities*.

Λαῶ μὴ πιστεύε πολύτροπος ἐστὶν ὁμίλος. Phocyl.

Many *Monster-Muliers* also of our Age, shall lay out large summes of Time, about white-liming their cheekes, and blemishing the brightnesse of their Creation; beginning their worke in their beds betimes in the morning, and ending it at Noone a little before the Cloth is layd: So that I may iustly take vp this Spanish Prouerbe; and (if I dare come neere them, for feare of Infection) hurle it at their impious Impudence; That these painted * Puppets, the more curious they are about their faces, the more carelesse they are about their houses; the reparation of the one, being the ruination of the other.

Que la Muger, quanto mas mirare la cara, tanto mas destruye la casa.

The losse of *Memorie*, or the *Lethall Euill*, shall ceize vpon them that shall goe drunke to bed: but to those who recluse themselues in *Counters* or other places of deere reckoning, because they abhorre the vanities of the world; and to those that shall be swinged with *French-Birch*, or be strucke with a Gentleman-like disease; the curtallest day in Winter shall seeme more tedious, yea, and indeed shall produce more * wearisome houres, then S. *Barnabies* day, which Nature

Annulus arctus, non gestandus. Pythag.

ha's decreed to be the longeſt in the yeere.

The Sundayes (as if it were *Biſſextile*, or Leape-yeare) ſhall be by a number leaped ouer, ſo that a filme of *Senſuality* being drawne ouer their eyes, they ſhall not for foure, fiue, or ſixe moneths together, be able (by the aduice and helpe of thoſe that make the beſt waters, to recouer eye-ſight) to ſee a *Church*, but ſhall be ſtruck with ſuch *Megrimes*, and *Vagaries* of the braine, that in ſtead of going to *Church*, they will (if my cunning faulter not) ſtumble into a *Tauerne*.

The Dogge-dayes will all this yeere rage twice a weeke, and that very furiouſly; but their foreſt out-rage will be about the *Beare-garden*. The riſing alſo and declination of the Sunne, ſhall be ſo miraculous; that albeit, it ſhine neuer ſo brightly in our *Horizon*, yet there ſhall be certaine perſons (and thoſe cloſe fellowes too) that ſhall not haue power at high-Noone to behold it. The *Moone* alſo ſhall be ſo various in her influence, that as well men as women ſhall be as mad in all the reſt of the moneths, as in that of *Midſommer*.

* An intollerable liberty in a Chriſtian Common-wealth.

The ſetting vp of a * *whorehouſe* this yeere, ſhall be as common, as the ſetting vp of a *Trade*, yea, and ſhall paſſe vnder that name. For a ſtock of two beds and foure Wenches, ſhall be ſufficient to put a Madame *Pimpernelle* into preſent practiſe, and bring them into reaſonable doings. In theſe Shops of the *world*, the *fleſh*, and the *diuell*, many ſoules ſhall be ſet to ſale, and bodies

expoſed

exposed to Shipwrack: for men and women there shall as *familiarly goe into a Chamber to endanger one another on a Flock-bed, as into a Tauerne to make one another merry with Wine.

*Consuetudo vim naturæ obtinet propter vetustatem, Cicero.

But giue me leaue (my little sweet sinfull Citizens) to season your dis-relisht palates with this saucie counsell: That when you are mis-led with lust (that *Will-with-wispe,*) to those caues of Cockatrises, gather your selues within this thought, That notwithstanding you seeme to suck coole and supple blandishments from their *moist-warme tongues, yet are they but like *Sampsons* Foxes, and carle fire in their tayles: I meane, when you are hurried with the heat of Concupiscence to any of those *Limbo-patrums*, and are at poynt of entrance, then start backe, as from a bed of Snakes, or as you would doe from a house, where a Red-crosse affronts the vpper post of the doore, and be sure to recall this ancient Adage into your memory; *Quicquid agis, prudenter agas, & respice finem:* the which for the lesse-learneds benefit I conster thus: *On what exploit soeuer you venter, be first well aduis'd, and remember the end.* For this is *probatum, Whosoeuer rides long on the belly of Lechery, shall be sure at last to be hurl'd at an Hospitall gate.*

Δισσὰς χορδὰς. Binis fidibus canit, Aristid. Non omnes qui habent Cytharam, sunt Citharœdi, Var.

*On St. *Lukes* day is there likely to happen such a confusion of Caterpillars at *Cuckoldshauen*; as that this yeere there shall not die one *Sericant*; and yet in all the 24. Wards of *London*,

A Paradoxe.

ſhall there be ſcarce one honeſt man found aliue of that claw-back Faculty.

Aliud agit, aliud ſimulat, &c.

Drunkennesſe this yeere, ſhall turne * *Machiauell*, and play the *Polititian*; for though ſhee cannot haue lycence to keepe open-houſe on the *Sabbath-day*, and get her full ſwinge, to out-ſtare the *Law*, to reele & ramble out of euery tipling-Schoole; by reaſon of ſome wholeſome Inhibitions conceiued againſt her Irregularity; yet will ſhe in the midſt of diuine *Seruice*, ſlily filtch her ſelfe into the Tauerne vnder a *Church-wardens* Gowne; where ſhe ſuddenly will ſacrifice more pence in pintes of Sack to her ſpoungie Lungs, then ſhall be after the Sermon, diſtributed to the poore of the Pariſh; and at her comming foorth, ſhall wipe her iudicious chinne with ſuch a compos'd grauity, as if ſhee had beene ſearching thoſe neſts, for ſome birds of the ſame feather.

The gouernance of *Scorpio*, this yeere, ſhall be ſo flammigerous; that Court-bloods ſhall ſo boyle in their burning boſomes; as that the moſt monſtrous or manlike Lady of them all, ſhall be glad (not withſtanding her Stilletto) to runne behind the Arras (perhaps you will thinke, of purpoſe to be found there) to hide and preſerue her Chaſtity from their vnreſiſtable fury: but in this jumbling * combuſtion, poore Chamber-pot Wenches ſhall be ſure (how ere the game goes) to goe to the walles; where, to cry out, will be bootleſſe, for they ſhall bee put in no

Luſt, lawleſſe.

ſtronger

ſtronger hopes, then to bee vſed without pitty, vntill the ſtorme be layde and ouerblowne.

Poets * who are vertues Crutches, and keepe life in the dying world, this yeare, ſhall bee in a poore caſe: for if they bee but taken napping with * good Cloathes on their backes, and ſtore of money in their pockets; they ſhall preſently be apprehended by the Citties *Anniuerſaries*, and clapt into the *Chronicles*: but to preuent this danger, I hope, that *Opus* and *Vſus*, their two daily Companions, will continually lye knocking at their Chamber doores, to keepe them waking.

Absq; vata e' auda virtus, macaq; Orbis gloria, Syn. Epiſt. 49.

* *Hæc rarò aut nunquam.*

Proh dolor! hinc lachrymæ!

Very few Foot-men this yeare ſhall purchaſe Land: for that in the courſe of their liues, they commonly are vnſtayed fellowes, and moſt an end, carry running heads.

This is likely to be an heauy yeare to poore * Porters too: For though ſundry commutatiue differences fall betweene Marchant and Marchant, Sale-men and Countrey-Chapmen, with other like accidentall occurrences; yet the Porters muſt beare the burthen of it; and by the helpe of * *Patience* ſhall carry it away willingly: And beſides, for that they are generally reputed, men of the beſt vnder-ſtanding, they ſhall this yeare be truſted with the weightieſt matters of the Common-wealth.

Quiſq; portabit Onus.

Patientia aſinum onus, ſaith a *Spaniard*.

Trumpetters, of all other men, this yeare, had moſt need to carry *Aqua-vitæ* Bottles at their girdles; and the reaſon is; for that they are moſt

subiect to sounding. And as for common Fidlers; they shall scrape out a poore liuing out of dryed Cats-guts; and many of them shall this yeare be troubled with abhominable noyses and singings in their heads, insomuch as the most part of them shall dye Beggers; or at the best, as bare as their Cloakes, or a base Vyoll vncased; and those that suruiue, shall often feed on melody for want of better meate.

And wheras the *Eccliпses* of this yeare shall be farre remote from the signe *Pisces*, it shewes, that there shall bee much stinking Fish at *Belinsgate*; and that *Queene-borrow* Oyster-boates shall carry more Knaues then Honest men: but let Fishwiues beware, lest most of them this yeare, proue not insufferable Scolds: yet becausе *Pisces* is a Signe that gouernes the feete, they shall weare out more Shooes in *Lent*, then in any 2. moneths besides throughout the whole yeare, and get their liuing (like the *wandring* * *Iew*) by walking and Crying; becausе they will rayle against *Pyecorner*, and call her, The soule-fac'd fulsome Slut of the Citty.

Read *Trundle*, in his 1. *Tome* of the Wandring *Iew*.

I should heere vnlock the Casket of my knowledge, (hauing well nie forgot) and lay open some rarities concerning * *Players*: but becausе the Cõmon-wealth affoords them not their due desert; and for they are men of some *parts*, & liue not like lazy Drones, but are still in *Action*; I am content silently to referre them to three Sublunary *Felicities*; which are these: A *Faire Day*, a

* *Qui bona, bono; mala malo reddunt.*

Good

Good Play, and a *Gallant Audience*, and so let them shift for their liues.

But now haue I an horrible Monthes minde, to cut through the Mayne of the 12. *Monthes*, in a particuler succeſſiue Order: but the Glaſſe which Time ha's lent me, being not fill'd with many howers, I will hoyſt Sayle, and onely diſcouer ſixe of them, and then caſt Anchor.

Behold them therefore at hand, how they come frisking in ſingle file one after another, like ſo many Morice-Dancers, (my ſelfe being the Hobby-horſe) and euery *Month* wearing in his Cap, in ſtead of a Feather, Foure vnhanſome wholeſome Rimes; conformable to the faſhion of our *Neotericke Prognoſticators*. And thus heere the Foreman of the Morice deliuers his ſpeach.

IANVARY.

This Month drink you no Wine commixt with Dregs,
Eate Capons, and fat Hens with dumpling Legs:
Whether it bluſter, Sleete, hayle, freeze, or Snow,
Be ſure, that from the Fire you doe not goe.

THE Firſt day of *Ianuary* being raw, colde and comfortleſſe to ſuch as haue loſt their mony at **Dice* at one of the *Temples* ouer-night, ſtrange apparitions are like to be ſeene: *Marchpanes* marching

Diſpoſition of *January*.

**One being asked, what his Opinion was of Ga-*

ming, thus replyed: Hee that looseth, looseth Heauen, and hee that winnes, winnes Hell.

ching betwixt *Leaden-Hall* and the little *Conduit* in *Cheape*, in such aboundance, that an hundred good fellowes may sooner starue, then catch a corner, or a Comfit to sweeten their mouthes.

It is also to be feared, that through frailty, if a slip be made on the Messengers default that carries them, for non-deliuery at the place appointed; that vnlesse the said messenger, be not the more inward with his Mistris, his Master will giue him ribrost for his Newyeares-gift the next morning.

This day shall be giuen many more gifts then shall be asked for: and Apples, Egges, and Orenges, shall be lifted to a lofty rate; when a Pomewater bestucke with a few rotten Cloues, shall be more worth then the honesty of an Hypocrite: and halfe a dozen of Egges of more estimation, then the Vowes of a Strumpet. *Poets* this day shall get mightily by their Pamphlets: for an hundred of Eleborate *Lines* shall be lesse esteemed in *London*, then an hundred of Walfleet Oysters at *Cambridge*.

Be not proude my nimble pated *Mercuries*: you that send forth your *Pamphlets* flutt'ring about the City to fetch in Crownes: for ere this yeares Semicircles meet, (if I ouershoot not my skill in *Astrologie*) *Latine* shal be set at a lower rate, then a Lobster; and *Greeke* stand begging in *Paules* with a Paper on its brest, as a punishment, that it should be so presumptuous, as to begge with an *Heathen* Tongue, in this our *Iewish* Nation; and

* *Quo Fata trahunt, retrahunt-que sequamur,* Virg.

* *Fatale cuiq; quid fleat, quid gaudeat.* Sen. Prou.

and all this, long of a malignant Aſpect of ſome purſie Planet, that had rather heare an *Oxe* of his owne lowe in his *Paſture*, then a Scholler declaime of *Hoſpitality* in his Larder.

The 2. 3. 4. and 5. of this Month, to begin the New yeare thriftily; He that ha's any buſineſſe of import abroad; the firſt thing he do's, muſt be ſure, firſt to riſe in the morning, before he goe any whether. For though *Albumazar* and *Ptolomee* talke of theſe Circumſtances, yet my Bookes *warrant me; That about *Soper-Lanes* end, (Heauen keepe Printers from thence) theſe dayes early in the morning, if you ſet ſixe double ribbes of roſt-Beefe, with Bread and Drinke ſutable; ere a Sergeant can goe to *Paules* to ſay his prayers with a ſound *Conſcience*, will be no more reliques ſeene of the Roſt-meate (I trow well) then is at this day of great *Illium*.

Tanto quiſq; imitus amplius ſtultior, quanto conatur exteriùs, ſapiens videri. Greg.

The ſixt of this Month; if your buſineſſe aske not much haſt, it will be better going by Land then by water to *Brainford*: and being like to be colde and a cloſe Skye, better putting into an * Alehouſe at *Putney*, then to wing againſt winde and tide without a tilt-Cloath to *Richmond* banke.

**Teſtudo imera tegumen tuta eſt. Luc.*

About ſixe a clocke in the morning (the tide ſeruing well at *Queen-hiue*) he that ſups not ouernight, and lands at the Court with Purſe and ſtomacke empty, vnleſſe hee finde ſome friend to comfort him, ſixe to foure, he could finde in his heart to venter the ſtealing of the *Guards* Chine

of Beefe: which thing to doe, would be an Herculean taske, considering the great Fire-forke so neare, and so many sharpe shauers at hand, Champions for the Beefe and the Bombard.

This day about the houres of 5.6.7.8.9.and 10. yea in some places till midnight well nigh, will be such a Massacre of Spice-bread, that ere the next day at noone, a Two-penny browne Loafe will set twenty poore Folkes teeth on edge: which hungry humour will hold so violent, that a number of good fellowes will not refuse to giue a statute Marchant of all the Lands and goods they enioy, for halfe a Crownes worth of Two-penny pasties.

And if on this night there bee neuer so much Masking in the Strand, Cheapside, Holburne, or Fleetstreet, yet it is to bee thought, *(propter Sympathiam)* there will be as hote Reuels without Torch-light, in * White-friers, Turnbull, Field-lane, &c. at Noone dayes, as you shall finde at *Antwerpe* in *Lepwel*-Street, or *London* in *Peticote*-Lane.

Libido nullo loco excluditur.

For the residue of the dayes dispositions of this Month, I finde they will be conformable to the former, and farre different from that, which our annuall Prognosticators shall foretell of them: Therefore lest my Pen should freeze to my fingers ends, I will abandon the Company of this Clumzy-fisted Gray-bearded *Ianuary*, and leaue him to blow his Nayles.

FEBRVARY.

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If thou haſt ſtore of Caſh, drinke Muskadine,
And chuſe a young Wench to thy Valentine:
For ſhee that's queaſie, ouer-worne and Olde,
Can make no muſicke in a Month ſo Colde.

FEBRVARY *fill-dike*: An olde ſaying and a true; for it is like this yeare to fill Dike, I can tell you, but not fill *Dickes* belly: For according to the courſe of Aſtrologie, the Charity of men will refrigerate extreamely with the weather; both being as colde as the *Harrowes* Bottle-Beere was the laſt yeare on *Chriſtmas* euen, which warm'd me at the heart, like the croking Call of a carrion Conſtable at midnight, abetted by his barbarous Bill-men to encounter me. Twenty ſeauen of theſe 28. dayes, Men, Women, & Children, are like to fill the Ditches in ſome Countries, & make poore Cabbins in high wayes, for want of warmer Stowage, long of a ſwarme of cruell Caterpillars, that * Cormorant-like ſhall ſwallow the patrimonies of the Widowes and Fatherleſſe, who diſburſe no more beneuolence at their doores, then comes from the poore, out of the backe Gate of the *Sauoy*.

Quis metus aut pudor eſt quam properantis auari!

But that I am a Prognoſticator and no Preacher, (my ſmall honeſt friends) I could elſe render you ſome ſauory Sentences out of holy *writ*, againſt this hardnes of heart, contempt, and co-

uetouſnes, that might perhaps moue you euer a whit to amend: but becauſe you care as little for Sermons as Almanackes, and all one, I will leaue you to your Idolatry, who haue ſeen more Angels on Earth, then euer you ſhall ſee in Heauen; (vnleſſe you repent) hang me elſe (Vſurers) and let me lacke no Rope.

To the Ninth day of this Month, ſuch will be the ſharpneſſe of the weather for the moſt part; that it will be as good walking in a fur'd Gowne, as in a Doublet cut vpon ſtarke naked: and as good Dining well in a matted Chamber, as Dialoguing with Duke *Humphrey* in *Paules*.

This day will be ſuch ſtormy weather in Weſtminſter-Hall, that ſome through the fulneſſe of griefe, and emptineſſe of Purſe, will goe nie to burne his Capcaſe, & be glad to take 13. groates *de claro* for his *gray-Maro*.

The 10. 11. and 12. dayes, ſuch a ſlaughter ſhall be cõmitted in Eaſt-Cheape, St. *Nicholas* Shambles, Southwarke, & Smithfield-Barres, that for 6. weekes and vpward, ſome one or two *Carnifices* in thoſe corners, are like to doe Penance, & ſtand all day vnder a white Sheet, ſelling that for two Shillings, that they might well affoord for 16. pence; if they did not pay ſome 40. Markes for a Licenſe: which indeed forceth the Fiſhmongers take vp this colde complaint, and ſay truely: *Licentiâ ſumus omnes deteriores*; and wiſh wiſely beſides, that ſuch Patents did not proue Patent oppreſſions.

But

But now ſtand off (my friends) giue roome I ſay: for here muſt enter that wadling, ſtradling, burſten-gutted *Carnifex* of all Chriſtendome; vulgarly enſtiled *Shroue-Tueſday*, but more pertinently, ſole-monarch of the Mouth, high Steward to the Stomack, chiefe Ganimede to the Guts, prime Peere of the Pullets, firſt fauorite to the Frying-pans, greateſt Baſhaw to the Batter-bowles, Protectour of the Pan-cakes, firſt Founder of the Fritters, Baron of Bacon-flitch, Earle of Egge-baskets, and in the leaſt and laſt place, lower Warden of the Stinke-ports. This corpulent Commander of thoſe chollericke things, called *Cookes*, will ſhew himſelfe to be but of ignoble education; for by his manners, you may finde him better fed then taught where euer hee comes: For he feedes fulſomly on nothing but fleſh, of purpoſe to empty Plenties Pallace, to fill the dirty draught; and deuoures with delight, onely to impouerish Heauens Bounty, and quite eraze the race of Roſt-meate. Deſcription of Shroue-Tueſday.

By the reuolution of the Starres, this is alſo infallible, the ſigne being in *Piſces*; That Fiſhmongers ſhall ſell more fiſh in ſixe weekes this yeere, then in ſixteene after Eaſter: by which I diuine, That he that makes his dinner with red Herrings on a Sunday, would be * glad with all his heart of a loyne of Veale, to cloſe his ſtomack; which becauſe he cannot ſo conueniently eate at noone dayes in new Fiſh-ſtreet, I wiſh him to the Barres in Smithfield, or a little be-

* *Eſurienti (Lupo) ne occurras,* Theocrit.

yond, where for money he may haue flesh at all times of the day.

From the 13. to the 20. of this present Moneth, what weather soeuer comes, ye shall at all times of the day finde such good Customers in *Paules*, that for three single yards of Sattin, will seale with you to a * Recognizance of an hundred pound howsoeuer: but it is to be feared, *Mercury* being predominant; that a day or two before the day of payment, one *March* blast will blow them to *Virginia*; who when once being gone, you shall finde a measure of *Hercules* foot, as sufficient, as their obligation euer after.

Cùm maximè fallit, bonus vir videri vult.

For the residue of the dayes of this Moneth, if the snow fall but a foote thicke, are like to be seene such formidable Monsters, Beares, Lyons, Elephants, and Vnicornes, in Cheapside, Cornehill, Fleetstreet, and Paules-Church-yard, that some shall not dare to put their heads out of doore, or walke the streets for feare of snapping: others, shall gather vp on credit, as much as they can, and then take *Ludgate* for Sanctuary: nay, and I feare me too, that the proudest *Astrologer* of vs all, shall not dare to * venter by the Poultry gate; lest he should be ceaz'd on, and hurried too into a Gulfe, where he shall see nothing but *Miserie* charactred on the naked walls, lowzie lodging, and men walking vp and downe like affrighted Spirits in Purgatory, crying out on Conscience, and Cousnage, their continuall Companions.

Semper plus animus metuit, ignorans mali.

Dij talem terris auertite pestem.

MARCH.

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Walke warme within thy Chamber or thine Hall;
March not too fast, least thou doe catch a fall:
And better is the dust (when windes doe rise,)
To lie beneath thy feete, then in thine eyes.

MARCH, my bookes say, is this yeere like to be wet and windie. The 1. 2. 3. 4. and 5. day, such weather, that if it rayne a pace, it will be better and dryer going in Thames-streete in a payre of liquor'd Neates-leather Bootes, then in a payre of Spanish leather Pumpes: and farre worse marching ouer *Hownslow heath* without a Cloake, then with one.

The 6. 7. 8. and 9. dayes; if it powre downe-right in the after noone, it will be as good tarying at an honest Alehouse, and take impost, as going to a bowling Alley, and loose euery bet.

The 10. 11. and 12. if the Clouds swell, and tend to skuds, though it thunder not aloft, yet sixe to foure, once ere night, it will so thunder in *Turne-againe-Lane*, that the * Fish-wiues will fight a combat with *Belins-gate* Playce: whereof this yeere shall be such stinking store, that a man had better hang them at his backe, then put them in his belly.

* *Caninam facundiam exercent*, Salust.

Till the 26. of this Moneth, the weather will be

be so raw and raynie, that neuer a Merchant, Mercer, Grocer, Draper, Fishmonger, Goldsmith, Haberdasher, Skinner, Salter, Iron-monger, or Vintner, but had as lieue deliuer for ready money, as for dayes, to the best Chapman, Courtier, or Customer he hath: and moreouer, will arise such gales of pestiferous gusts, that not a Physitian, or Chirurgeon in the Towne, but had rather haue a rich man to his Patient, then one who hath neither money to giue in earnest nor in ieast.

The 26. 27. and so to the end of this Moneth, you can guesse as well as I, what weather will happen: marie this I finde in many moe Authors, then either you or I haue euer seene or heard of, That he that hath not his * Rent ready some one of these dayes, being the last of *March*; may perchance hop without his house in *Aprill*, vnlesse happily his Featherbed reprieue him, and his *Land-lord* freely and friendly giue him leaue to lie in the straw, till the day of *Redime* come on.

* *Pecuniæ sunt necessariæ, sine quibus nihil rectè geri potest*, Demost. 3. Olynth.

A few flawes are like to fall the latter end of this Moneth; which foule weather, if it hold, will keepe some so fast in the *Counter*, as that without an *Habeas corpus*, or a better compromise, they are not likely to walke abroad in hast. As for thunder and lightning, you shall be sure to haue more store this Moneth, at the *Fortune* in *Golding-lane*, then in *Graues-end* Barge, or in *Westminster-hall*, in a long *Vacation*.

APRILL.

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Aprils soft showers, as ancient Authors say,
Bring in and beautifie the flowres of May:
Whether thy Doublet be or thicke or thinne,
T'is better to be warme, then wet to'th skinne.

APRILL showers bring *May* flowers. This is as true as *February* fill-dike: and indeede if showers fall fast in *Aprill*, it is like enough that some bodies money and gold will bee cleane washt out of their purses ere *May*: For the 1. 2. and 3. day of this Moneth, a shoulder of Mutton will then be in as good request, as at any time of the yeere before or after.

The 4. or 5. and sixt, shall be many more suites of apparell worne, then will be payed for: and more money *bestowed on fat Lambes in *East-cheape*, then will be giuen to all the poore betweene the *Tower* and *Westminster*.

*Nullum bonum est, quo quis malè non vtatur.

The 7. 8. 9. and 10. young men shall waxe so couetous, that they shall seeke to ceize on all the prety Wenches they can come by; and old men so lusty and wanton, that a wealthy Widdow shall be better welcome vnto them, then a pure poore virgine, that ha's ne're a penny to her marriage. Batchelours wiues, and maydens children in these dayes are like to be well taught,

and more seeming-friendship to be had in an house of *Transgression* for a French-crowne, though it be a bald one, then at *Belins-gate* for a boxe o'th eare.

The 11. 12. and 13. shall be much deluing with Spade and Pick-Axe, amongst Gardeners: But this I must tell you, that not one pot of gold so found or taken vp, shall euer be drawne in question at the Exchequer, or come into the Cryers mouth at * *Alders-gate*. And if peraduenture one or other with his Mattocke hit vpon any such mischance; if hee repaire the ruines of some Church with it, presently hee forfeits his eye-sight, and ten to one, will lacke money, ere hee dies, to buy his dinner.

* *Fortuna fauet fatuis.*

From the 13. to the 21. the weather shall be so variable, that he who lies in *Lud-gate*, and becomes a close fellow, shall not weare out so many shooes in a day, as a foot-post will doe in a whole twelue-moneth; and those that lye encountred, shall be sure to haue a dry house ouer their heads, when their Creditours (perhaps) goe dabbling vp and downe in the durt: but for that *Venus* will be in coniunction with *Mars*, it presageth; that many a sturdy knaue-Ostler will be busie with the * Kitchin-maid in the manger, while their Mistresses siluer Whistle keepes time to their Trench-more.

* *Si non castè, tamen cautè.*

About this time, new Playes will be in more requeſt, then old: and if company come currant to the *Bull* and *Curtaine*, there will be more money

ney gathered in one after-noone, then will be giuen to *Kings-land* Spittle in a whole moneth. Alſo, if at this time, about the houres of foure and fiue, it waxe cloudy, and then raine downe-right, they ſhall ſit dryer in the Galleries, then thoſe who are the vnderſtanding men in the yard.

In the reſt of this Moneth will be ſuch moiſture ſtirring, that if ſome doe not looke warily this *Spring* to the *Engliſh Rheume*, it may chance turne the next fall to the *French*—P.

In the laſt quarter, *Widowes that follow their Husbands howling to the Church, will drill ſuch ſhowers of ſorrow from their eyes, as that ere the buriall banquet be fully ended, they will be more then halfe ſped of freſh bed-fellowes.

* No more pity to ſee a widow weep, then to ſee a Gooſe goe bare-foot.

For the ſtormes, ſhowers, guſts, flawes, and Changes incident in this *Moone*, I might ſet downe a more conciſe Diſcourſe, if I could tell how: but let this ſatisfie, that in this Moneth, many *Cataclyſmes* will fall in the bottomes, flats, and low grounds, that will bring foorth ſuch fruit in *Februaty*, as will goe alone with a little helpe within forty weekes after.

MAY.

To Iſlington *and* Hogſdon, *runnes the ſtreame*
Of giddie people, to eate Cakes and Creame.
which is farre wholeſomer, with Sugar in,
Then in the durt, to wade vp to the chin.

MAY is the merry moneth, and may not be put beſide his iocund humour: yet on the firſt day betimes in the morning, ſhall young Fellowes and Mayds be ſo inueloped with a miſt of wandring out of their wayes, that they ſhall fall into ditches one vpon another, and there ſhall the *young* men lie for a little while, not being able to ſtand, while the Maids after their downe-falls, being aſtonied, ſhall riſe ſooner then they would doe. Yet in the after-noone, if the skie cleare vp, ſhall be a ſtinking ſtirre at Picke-hatch, with the ſolemne reuels of Morice-dancing, and the Hobbie-horſe ſo neately preſented, as if one of the Maſters of the Pariſh had playd it himſelfe. Againſt this high day likewiſe ſhall be ſuch preparations for merry meetings, that diuers durty-Sluts ſhall beſtow more in * Stuffe, Lace, and making vp of a Gowne, and a Peticote, then their two yeeres wages comes too, beſides the benefit of Candles ends, and Kitchin-ſtuffe.

* *citò ignominia fit ſuperbi gloria,* Syr. *Omnium ſuperbia, procedit ex ſui ignoratione.*

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This day ſhall be erected long wooden Idols called *May-poles*; whereat many greaſie Churles ſhall murmure, that will not beſtow ſo much as a Faggot-ſticke towards the warming of the Poore: an humour, that while it ſeemes to ſmell of *Conſcience*, ſauours indeed of nothing but *Couetouſneſſe*.

From the 1. to the 23. day, he that liues to ſee them, ſhall ſee more broken heads at Cudgels vnder the *Zenith* of *London*, then Angels or French Crownes in the poore mens Box at *Ludgate*. And within the compaſſe of theſe dayes, ſhall there happen ſuch a tenebrous obfuſcation of the *Sunne*, that in all Great *Britaine* ſhall you hardly diſcerne a common *Horſe-courſer* from an arrant *Knaue*. As for Taylors and Millers, ſuch ſhall be their Conſcience, that worke *Mercury* neuer ſo mightily, they ſhall ſteale nothing, but that which is brought vnto them.

The reſidue of this pleaſant Month, will bee Congruous to the ſweet Seaſon, onely it will be ſomewhat bleake in the mornings, which will ſo coole the Hoſpitality of many a Country-Gentleman, as being in hope to buy *Fowles* better cheape in St. *Nicholas*-Shambles, then kill them with his owne Hawkes, he will leaue his *Bayliffe*, and his *Dairy-Maydes* to multiply together at home, and either ſojourne with ſome Cittizen, for the loue of his Wife; or keepe a Garden-Houſe, and a freſh Wench, ſome-where about the Suburbes.

Difficulter reciduntur vitia, quæ nobiſcum creuerunt. Seneca.

IVNE.

Take heede of toſſing Balles vntill you ſweate,
And to be ſwelted with vnkindly heate:
Yet though the time ſerue, you your Sheepe may ſheare,
Tis better haue good Cloaths, then none to weare.

THE 1. 2. and 3. of this Month, the weather is like to bee ſo inconſtant in diſpoſition; as that he who ha's made an ill bargaine at *Algate*, ſhall *repent him twice, ere he come to *Charing-Croſſe*. And *Painters* ſhall proue the craftieſt Corporation in the Citty: for whatſoeuer buſineſſe they take in hand, they ſhall finde ſome Colour for it.

Criminis Medicina princeps ipſa pœnitentia, Arrian.

The 4. 5. 6. and 7. if the weather proue faire, many mens eyes ſhall be ſo dazeled with the illuſtrious coruſcation of the Sun-beames; That they ſhall meete a * *Taylor* in the ſtreet, and take him to be ſome *Knight*: and preſently after meet a *Knight*, and thinke him to bee a *Gentleman* of ſome Noble deſcent.

A tricke of legerdumain, called *Deceptio viſus.*

About this Month's 8. 9. and 10. ſhall Diſeaſes raigne powerfully in this Realme, and eſpecially the *ſwelling-Euill*; inſomuch as diuers fat gorrell-gutted Churles, ſhall haue golden Tumors and Tympanies in their purſes.

But if they be long let alone (an hundred to one)

one) ſome one or other of them will neuer ſee wel, till he be *Sheriffe* of his Shire, or haue bought his neighbors Houſe ouer his head for a fauour. Beggers at this time ſhall be no chooſers, vnleſſe it be *Robin-Hoods* choyſe; *Either this or nothing*. Brewers alſo ſhall by exchange, take vp money out of the *Thames* without Bill or Aſſurance, and turne Water into double Beere, without miracle.

Hackney-men this Month, ſhall be prodigiouſly Planet-ſtrucke: For hee that takes ſixe Shillings for three dayes hyre of a Cuttoll; may happen neuer to ſet eye of him, till his tayle ha's attained a ſeauen yeares growth: ſuch kinde* Cuſtomers ſhall they meete with, this faire weather, that becauſe Hay and Horſe-meate are deare, they will giue them the running of a Nag or Gelding all their life-time for nothing.

Fallere fallentem non eſt fraus.

Till the 20.th of this Month of *Iune*; the Weather is like to ſhew ſo ſerene a browe; That Watermen ſhall rowe in their Shirts vp and downe the Riuer: And he that plyes a man at *Paules*-wharfe, with his Cap in's hand for a Penny; ſhall be as ready to out-braue him in ſcuruy tearmes, the next day on the Banke-ſide, or the Beare-garden, as if he were a Gentleman of Fiue hundred pounds Land *per Annum*.

The 21.22. and 23. of this Month, will be good ſhearing Sheepe, and better owning them. Theſe dayes, it is to be doubted, that Gentlemen and wealthy Countrey-chuffes, will ſo fleece their

their poore neighbours, that twenty Tenements ſhall flye at once into one Manner-houſe, and a goodly large Common transformed to a Parke, for cumbring the Pariſh.

Theſe dayes the Ecclipſes chancing in *Cancer*, ſole houſe of the Moone: Colliers, Smithes, Blacking-boyes, Armorers, and Chimney-ſweepers, are like to weare the fouleſt Faces in the Citty: and Ladyes, Landreſſes, and curious Sempſters, the faireſt hands. &c. About this time of the yeare, will be farre better riſing to Prayers then at St. *Andrewes*-tide: and St. *Antlins* Church better filled at ſixe in the morning, then in *February* or *March* at hye Noone.

In this Seaſon the weather being as faire as it will be, an ambling Nag ſhall be as eaſie for an Olde man to ride on, as an hard Trotter: and he that is perplexed with an Ague, ſhall bee more deſirous to keepe his Bed, or the Chimney corner, then to backe a great Horſe in a Scottiſh-ſaddle. Schollers likewiſe ſhall be kindely entreated, the rather, for it is the latter end of the Quarter; and Tutors as ready to receiue Quarteridge, as reade Logicke Lectures to their Pupils.

The 24. 25. and ſo onward to the end of this Month, though the weather ſhall be extreamely hote, yet ſhall Satin bee as faire wearing as Sackcloath; and a perfum'd Leather Ierkin, as good as a payre of Sheepe-skin breeches: Veluet, though it weare beſt in the Winter, ſhall bee farre

farre dearer then Buckram; and Silke-ſtockings not ſo good cheape, as linnen Boot-hoſe.

About theſe dayes, if the Lyons in the Tower roare, as they were wont; a ſeaming-lac'd Shirt, and an open-ſleeu'd Doublet, ſhall be bought cheaper for ready money, then vpon *Iackadandies* bond; though it bee ſealed with his wooden ſtump at the *Wraſtling place*.

In this Moneth, let *Graues-end* Barge looke to her fraight; for lie the windes neuer ſo low; if there be neither *Louſe*, nor *Flea*, *Knaue*, nor *Drab*; *Thiefe*, nor *whore* in it, it will ſinke betweene *Wapping* and *Woolwich*, a Noble to a Groat.

For poſting betweene *Douer* and *Graues-end*; howſoeuer the Tide fall by day or night; the ſofter you ride, (the ſooner I will not ſay,) the ſafer you come to your iourneys end. And this I can tell you; though the weather towards the latter end of this Moneth be neuer ſo hot; yet hee that lies in the bottome of the *Thames* two houres together, were as good bee on the Temple-ſtayres ſtarke-naked, with an hundred pound of his owne in a bagge vnder his arme.

The two laſt dayes of this Moneth, will be as good a time to lay a furr'd Gowne to pawne as in any ſeaſon of the yeere; vnleſſe it be to be vſed for a greater exigent, as to bribe a Sergeant, ſo to euolue out of a more intricate danger: then (all excuſes ſet apart) pawne Gowne, or whatſoeuer, according to the old aduerbe: *Better ſuffer a miſchiefe then a conuenience.*

Now at the close should I lead you vp into those spangled Pallaces aboue vs, and shew you two and twenty thousand Starres, and tell you the names of them all; then bring you into the *Planets* banquetting-house, where you might behold their glorious Magnificence: but because they are (like bad Tenants here below) alwaies remouing, I know not where to find them: The Sphæres harmonious conglomerations, &c. but some wiser then some, therefore for these trifles, I referre you to the reading of Doctor *Dondolo*: Onely take this decurtate concluſiue prediction along with you for a parting blow, as touching obnoxious accidents: That it will be farre better for the bodies and purses of men to drinke Bottle-Ale moderately, then Claret, or Sacke excessiuely: and farre worse for a woman to receiue a thumpe o'th backe with a stone, or a pop i'th eye with a sticke; then haue a messe of white-broath, or a Iowle of fresh-Cod to dinner.

* According to the opinion of all Astrologers.

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THVS farre (my capricious Construers) haue I guided you, by the slender twist of my cackling Skill, through the Labyrinth of this busie Season of sixe Monthes: So that by this time, I doubt not, but you are substantially instructed in Iacke Dawes Dialect; which is, (suting to the garbe of all vs Astrologers) to prattle much, to little purpose. Therefore, lest my too-much chattering should pester the eares of Patience, I will now take wing, and flye from out this contagious Climate, into some Solitary and sacred place; where (after pruning my infected feathers) I will re-edifie my towzed Nest, and there carefully hatch vp the other sixe Monthes; which shall be fledge and ready to flye the next Tearme, or neuer. But heere suppose me to speake Spanish; or promise Quousq; and meane to performe vpon Aduantage. Till when, I hopefully Conclude, to haue left behind me such an euident Demonstration of my vnparaleld Practise in Starre-staring, as shall induce the both meaneſt, and most iudicious, to say; That (well fare his Chaps) — Mouet Cornicula risum.

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A Cox-comicall Prediction of this succeeding yeares Production. 1623.

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OVt of high *Selfe-conceit*, I forth could chatter,
Such monstrous *Omens*, as it makes no matter,
To winne a windy *Reputation* from
Phlebean Breath, as (* wisely) haue done some; Sceptice.